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§ 1. The plan adopted in preparing the Report for 1883 has been followed in drawing up the following Report on the Administration of Criminal Justice in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during the year 1884. The forms of statements are also similar. One new statement (Annual Statement 8) has been added to show the general results of the trial of European British subjects. This statement has been adopted under the instructions of the Government of India, which were communicated to the Court with Home Department Circular No. $\frac{12}{658\text{-}67}$, dated 14th May 1884.

§ 2. It was stated in the Report for 1883 that, with a view to reduce correspondence and to obviate delay in the preparation of the High Court's Reports, the returns of the Sessions Judges were directed to be submitted through the District Magistrates, the information given by the former being embodied in the returns of the latter officers. The result of this measure has been that the district reports and returns of the past year have been submitted with somewhat greater punctuality than in previous years. The Court, however, regret that the returns of many of the district officers continue to be prepared in a very inaccurate and careless manner.

§ 3. The following statement shows the dates on which the Annual Criminal Reports and Returns for 1884 were received from the officers in the Province of Bengal, as also the dates on which the final explanations of discrepancies reached the Court:—

DISTRICT.		Date of receipt		Date of receipt of final explanations on Annual Statements.
		Of Annual Report.	Of Annual Statements.	
BACKERGUNGE	Sessions Judge	25th Feb. 1885	.....	.....
	Magistrate	7th " "	7th Feb. 1885	11th March 1885.
BEERBHOOM	Sessions Judge	18th " "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	17th " "	17th Feb. 1885	4th April 1885.
DITTO (*Sonthal Pergunnahs*)	Sessions Judge	.....	18th " "	1st May "
BHAUGULPORE	Sessions Judge	9th March 1885	.....	.....
	Magistrate	24th Feb. "	23rd Feb. 1885	15th May 1885.
DITTO (*Sonthal Pergunnahs*)	Sessions Judge	.....	13th " "	22nd April "

NOTE.—Sessions Judges are not required to submit their statements to the High Court direct. Their figures are incorporated in the District Magistrate's returns.

DISTRICT.		Date of receipt		Date of receipt of final explanations of Annual Statements.
		Of Annual Report.	Of Annual Statements.	
MONGHYR	Magistrate	21st Feb. 1885	19th Feb. 1885	28th May 1885.
BURDWAN	Sessions Judge	19th " "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	17th " "	12th Feb. 1885	8th April 1885.
BANKURA	Magistrate	18th " "	17th " "	22nd May
CHITTAGONG	Sessions Judge	1st " "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	25th " "	25th Feb. 1885	19th June 1885.
CUTTACK	Sessions Judge	4th March "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	5th " "	5th March 1885	29th June 1885.
POOREE	Magistrate	3rd " "	3rd " "	14th May "
BALASORE	Magistrate	9th " "	9th " "	24th June "
DACCA	Sessions Judge	17th Feb. "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	25th " "	25th Feb. 1885	13th June 1885.
DINAGEPORE	Sessions Judge	16th " "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	21st " "	21st Feb. 1885	11th May 1885
DARJEELING	Deputy Commissioner	16th " "	16th " "	28th March "
FURREEDPORE	Sessions Judge	23rd Jan. "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	21st Feb. "	6th Feb. 1885	27th March 1885.
GYA	Sessions Judge	7th " "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	21st " "	21st Feb. 1885	Original Statements correct.
HOOGHLY	Sessions Judge	24th March "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	16th Feb. "	16th Feb. 1885	21st March 1885.
HOWRAH	Magistrate	25th " "	25th " "	Original Statements correct.
JESSORE	Sessions Judge	3rd " "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	2nd March "	25th Feb. 1885	1st June 1885.
KHULNA	Magistrate	28th Feb. "	19th " "	9th April "
MIDNAPORE	Sessions Judge	4th " "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	19th " "	19th Feb. 1885	12th May 1885.
MOORSHEDABAD	Sessions Judge	11th " "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	9th March "	17th Feb. 1885	12th June 1885.
MYMENSINGH	Sessions Judge	5th Feb. "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	14th " "	14th Feb. 1885	19th March 1885.
NOAKHALLY	Sessions Judge	3rd March "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	5th " "	5th March 1885	13th May 1885.
NUDDEA	Sessions Judge	26th Feb. "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	17th " "	16th Feb. 1885	30th May 1885.
PATNA	Sessions Judge	25th " "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	18th " "	18th Feb. 1885	17th June 1885.
PUBNA	Sessions Judge	14th " "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	14th " "	14th Feb. 1885	Original Statements correct.
BOGRA	Magistrate	10th " "	10th " "	11th March 1885.

DISTRICT.		Date of receipt		Date of receipt of final explanations on Annual Statements.
		Of Annual Report.	Of Annual Statements.	
PURNEAH	Sessions Judge	17th Feb. 1885	.....	.....
	Magistrate	27th " "	17th Feb. 1885	9th April 1885.
RAJSHAHYE	Sessions Judge	23rd " "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	20th " "	20th Feb. 1885	25th April 1885.
MALDAH	Magistrate	18th " "	11th " "	21st May "
RUNGPORE	Sessions Judge	11th " "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	16th " "	16th Feb. 1885	25th April 1885.
JALPAIGUREE	Deputy Commissioner	17th " "	17th " "	8th " "
SARUN	Sessions Judge	17th " "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	19th " "	19th Feb. 1885	14th May 1885.
CHUMPARUN	Magistrate	6th March "	19th " "	9th April "
SHAHABAD	Sessions Judge	14th Feb. "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	18th " "	17th Feb. 1885	13th April 1885.
TIPPERAH	Sessions Judge	16th " "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	27th " "	16th Feb. 1885	3rd April 1885.
TIRHOOT	Sessions Judge	23rd " "	.....	.....
MOZUFFERPORE	Magistrate	23rd " "	23rd Feb. 1885	4th May 1885.
DURBHUNGAH	Magistrate	17th " "	17th " "	9th " "
24-PERGUNNAHS	Sessions Judge	24th " "	.....	.....
	Magistrate	7th March "	27th Feb. 1885	26th June 1885.
CHOTA-NAGPORE	Judicial Commissioner	26th Feb. "	.....	.....
HAZAREEBAGH	Deputy Commissioner	14th " "	14th Feb. 1885	3rd April "
LOHARDUGGA	Ditto ditto	9th March "	9th March 1885	15th June "
MANBHUM	Ditto ditto	19th Feb. "	19th Feb. 1885	9th April 1885.
SINGBHUM	Ditto ditto	17th " "	17th " "	30th March "

§ 4. The total area and population of the Lower Provinces remain unchanged, but the districts of Darjeeling and Jalpaiguree show some variation, owing to an interchange of territory. The number of Sessions divisions, including Calcutta, and of districts comprised in those divisions, remained the same as in 1883. The apparent increase of one in the number of sub-divisions is due to the incorrect omission from the returns of 1883 of the sub-division of Killa Banki transferred in 1882 to Cuttack from the Gurjat Mehal. Area and population.

For reasons stated in previous years, the Sonthal Pergunnahs are excluded from the present Report.

CRIMINAL COURTS.

§ 5. The number of Stipendiary Magistrates at the Presidency, and of Sessions Judges and District Magistrates outside the Presidency Town, remained unchanged. There was, however, one more Honorary Magistrate at the Presidency during the past year. Presidency Magistrates, Sessions Judges and District Magistrates.

The officers vested with the special powers described in section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, are the Deputy Commissioners of Hazareebagh, Lohardugga, Manbhum, Singbhum, Jalpaiguree, and Darjeeling. Of these, only the first four exercised these powers during the year under review. District Magistrates with special powers under Sec. 34, C. P. C.

Magistrates of all grades.

Including District Magistrates, but excluding the Magistrates (Stipendiary and Honorary) in Calcutta, the total numbers of Magistrates of each class at the close of 1883 and 1884, respectively, were—

	1883.	1884.
Stipendiary	371	376
Honorary	1,314	1,394

Of the 376 Stipendiary Magistrates employed at the close of the year, 233 exercised first-class powers, 72 second-class, and 71 third-class powers.

Benches of Magistrates.

§ 6. The total number of Benches of Magistrates, constituted under section 15 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, was 172 in the past, as against 165 in the previous year. There was an increase of six Benches in Nuddea, and of one in each of the districts of Backergunge, Pooree, and Jessore; one Bench was for the first time constituted in Lohardugga. On the other hand, one Bench was abolished in each of the districts of Khulna, Bogra, and Rungpore. No Benches have yet been formed in Hazareebagh and Manbhum. The District Magistrates of Burdwan and Cuttack report that the attendance of Honorary Magistrates has improved in consequence of the issue of Bengal Government Order No. 1955 J. of the 22nd July 1884. The Magistrate of Chittagong reports that Honorary Magistrates have given five times as many days to their work in 1884 as in 1883, owing to the better organization of the Sudder Benches. The District Magistrate of Dinagepore reports that, judging from the result of appeals, the decisions of the Benches have given satisfaction. In Durbhungah, the attendance of Honorary Magistrates has improved, and proposals are reported to have been made to the Commissioner for the reorganization of Benches. The attendance of the Honorary Magistrates of Dacca is reported to be most desultory, and they are said to have shown great lack of interest in their work. The District Magistrate, however, speaks favourably of the Honorary Magistrate of Joykrishnapur. The District Magistrate of Hooghly reports that, as stated in previous years, he has introduced a register of the attendance of Honorary Magistrates; and that this has effected some improvement in their attendance. It would appear, however, that a few of the Honorary Magistrates of the Hooghly general Bench have yet to learn the importance of the responsible duties with which they are entrusted. Owing to their not being present in their turn, ten cases remained pending for over two months on the file of the Bench at the close of the year. The necessity for more punctual attendance has been impressed upon these Honorary Magistrates by the District Magistrate, who, however, observes that complaints of the irregular attendance of a few Honorary Magistrates sink into insignificance when the work done by the Benches is considered as a whole. The District Magistrate of Midnapore also reports that there has been an improvement in the attendance of Honorary Magistrates, and he submits the following remarks of the Sub-Divisional Officer of Ghattal on the subject:—

"The inconvenience formally felt in securing the regular attendance of these Magistrates has been almost removed by the thorough revision of the list of the Magistrates, and by the appointment of some well-known pleaders of the local bar, and of some educated gentlemen residing in the town. Almost all the Honorary Magistrates, with the exception of two, attend the Bench regularly in their turn, and the general result of their work may be considered satisfactory."

The Deputy Magistrates of Kishoregunge and Netrokhona, in the Mymensingh District, are reported to have worked their Benches successfully, and to have disposed of a large number of cases. Upon the other Benches in the district it is reported that difficulty has been experienced in securing the attendance of the Honorary Magistrates. In Tipperah, owing to the recast in 1884 of the list of Honorary Magistrates, some of those most irregular in attendance resigned and their places were supplied by new men; but, notwith-

standing this, the Honorary Magistrates at head-quarters are reported not to have attended regularly on the days fixed, and as a result, a large number of cases made over to the Bench for trial were dismissed under section 247 of the Criminal Procedure Code, and the accused persons acquitted. The subject of the irregular attendance of the Honorary Magistrates of the Bench at the head-quarters of the Tipperah District, which forces parties to compromise their cases, and thus occasionally causes a practical denial of justice, had, on a previous occasion, formed the subject of comment and observation. The Sessions Judge of Sarun also reports unfavourably of the proceedings of the Bench of Magistrates. He states that the cases which came before him on appeal had been tried summarily, and showed an unhappy disregard of the provisions of the law.

No change has been reported regarding the sittings of Benches of Magistrates in Calcutta.

II.—CRIME RETURNS.

§ 7. Tables A and B show the number of offences reported, of cases returned as true, and of cases brought to trial during the years 1883 and 1884. The general results were as follows:—

	Number of offences reported.	Number of cases returned as true.	Number of cases brought to trial.
1883	257,248	217,843	150,208
1884	271,383	233,060	157,012

The increase in the number of reported offences was almost entirely in respect of offences against property[1] and offences under special and local laws. There was a marked decrease in the number of offences affecting the human body[2] and of miscellaneous offences[3] under the Indian Penal Code.

[1] Chapter XVII of the Indian Penal Code.
[2] Chapter XVI.
[3] Chapters XVIII to XXII.

§ 8. The following districts show a considerable increase in reported crime:—

	Cases reported.		Cases returned as true.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Calcutta	32,025	42,211	31,895	42,045
Nuddea	6,117	7,745	4,803	6,836
Monghyr	4,254	6,145	3,839	5,436
Gya	6,325	7,685	5,642	7,035
Dinagepore	3,682	4,750	2,997	3,992
Pooree	3,794	4,467	3,057	3,891
Chittagong	3,632	4,181	2,829	3,483
Beerbhoom	2,487	3,013	2,082	2,617

§ 9. In the following districts there was a decrease:—

	Cases reported.		Cases returned as true.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
24-Pergunnahs	18,006	16,029	15,918	14,103
Patna	10,693	9,244	10,128	8,489
Furreedpore	7,021	6,326	6,293	5,156
Mymensingh	12,353	11,574	9,628	9,020
Backergunge	8,588	7,513	6,172	5,581

In Backergunge there was a decrease, not only in the number of offences reported, but also in the number of complaints rejected, of cases decided to be false, and of cases returned as true. This result is reported to be due to the measures taken to repress offences under class II (*i.e.*, offences against the public tranquillity) and other offences attended with violence. In Bhaugulpore, there appears to have been, on the whole, some increase in crime arising from poverty and distress, such as theft; and a decrease in crime arising out of quarrels concerning landed property. There has been a series of cases of the latter kind between two leading families whose lands adjoin in many villages and who are at feud, but with this exception the district seems to have been remarkably free from acts of criminal violence resulting from disputes between landlord and tenant, from irrigation and indigo quarrels and similar disturbing causes. The marked increase in Dinagepore is reported to be almost wholly due to the increased number of prosecutions for nuisances committed within the municipality.

Various explanations are given in the reports of district officers with the object of accounting for the variations in the figures of the past two years; but these explanations, as they seem to be based chiefly on conjecture, have been omitted from this Report.

Rejected complaints and false cases.

§ 10. The number of complaints dismissed and of cases struck off as false was 38,323, or 14·1 per cent. of the total number of offences reported, in 1884, as compared with 39,405, or 15·3 per cent., rejected or struck off in 1883. The following figures distinguish complaints dismissed under section 203 of the Criminal Procedure Code from complaints formally decided to be false :—

	Complaints dismissed.	Cases decided to be false.
1883	27,556	11,849
1884	26,742	11,581

There was a decrease in both classes. That under the first head was most marked in Burdwan (517), Nuddea (307), and in Backergunge, Pooree, Balasore, Mymensingh, Lohardugga, and Manbhum (a little more than 200 in each). On the other hand, there was a considerable increase in Khulna (424), Furreedpore (402), Bankura and Chumparun (244 in each), and Jessore (200). Taking each district separately, the figures of the past two years, in respect of cases decided to be false, were almost stationary in all districts except Rajshahye, Sarun, and Backergunge, which return a decrease of 337, 240, and 219 respectively; and Hazareebagh, where there was an increase of 273 false cases.

Class I. Offences against the State, &c.

§ 11. Only two offences under Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code (offences against the State or relating to the army or navy) were reported during the past year, as against 6 in 1883. These cases occurred in Sarun and Gya. The case reported from Sarun was struck off as false; while that from Gya, though found to be a true case, was not brought to trial during the year.

Class II. Offences against the public tranquillity.

§ 12. The number of offences against the public tranquillity, under Chapter VIII of the Indian Penal Code, was 3,333 in the past, as compared with 2,869 in the previous year. Offences of this class were most prevalent in the following districts :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Calcutta	114	323	236	758
Mymensingh	263	233	389	420
Dacca	194	163	486	378
Jessore	67	147	173	387
Furreedpore	103	123	356	293
Pubna	118	110	282	211
Khulna	85	107	174	179
Tipperah	102	100	342	311

Mymensingh and Dacca maintain the same position as they did in 1883. In Maldah there was an increase in crime of this class, ascribed to disputes regarding the possession of some new "chur" lands formed by the gradual recession of the main stream of the Ganges to its old bed. The District Magistrate fears that these disputes will continue until several questions of title are settled by the Civil Courts. All the offences against the public tranquillity, reported during 1884 in Chittagong, are said to be small village affray's; only one case, in which the police were assaulted, being of any importance. These quarrels probably owed their origin to the great increase in the value of agricultural land in the district, apparent from a very large increase in the number of documents relating to land presented for registration. The local officer is of opinion that there is a growing inclination on the part of claimants to land to take forcible possession.

Class III. Offences by, or concerning, public servants.

§ 13. Offences by, or relating to, public servants (Chapters IX and X of the Penal Code) decreased from 5,192 in 1883 to 4,924 in 1884. The decrease was most marked in the following districts:—

	Number of cases returned as true.		Number of persons convicted.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Mymensingh	606	392	530	400
Furreedpore	502	349	733	389
Moorshedabad	149	81	133	81
Lohardugga	84	27	68	33

On the other hand, there was a marked increase in Monghyr (90) and Rungpore (51). In the last-named district offences under Chapter IX alone rose from 1 in 1883 to 72 in 1884. Eighteen of these cases were committed by 1 man, a discharged constable, who dressed in the uniform of an inspector, travelled about in a *palki*, and gave out that he had been specially appointed by the Magistrate to overhaul the accounts of the village punchayets. Most of the punchayets were completely deceived, and generally presented the impostor on his departure with a considerable *douceur* upon his promising to report to the Magistrate that their accounts were correct. Fourteen cases were complaints against police officers for receiving bribes in consideration of not reporting offences in "A Form." The other cases were mostly those of chaukidars who had neglected to report offences which had occurred within their jurisdiction. The Magistrate is of opinion that a good many reports of crime were suppressed in the same way, and he is doing his utmost to improve matters in this respect.

Class IV. Offences against public justice.

§ 14. The number of offences against public justice, and for giving false evidence, under Chapter XI of the Indian Penal Code, was 3,369 in the past, as compared with 3,312 in the previous year. The increase occurred chiefly in the following districts:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Pooree	38	101*	22	33
Monghyr	76	134	42	73
Purneah	26	56	20	33

There was a large decrease in the number of true cases of this class of offence reported from Chittagong (46), Howrah (35), Gya (34), Dacca (33), and Noakhally (31).

Class V. Offences relating to coin, stamps, weights, &c.

§ 15. The number of offences relating to coin, stamps, and weights and measures, under Chapters XII and XIII of the Penal Code, was 439 in the past, against 492 in the previous year. The decrease was most marked in the following districts:—

	Number of cases returned as true.		Number of persons convicted.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Midnapore	58	29	74	26
Rungpore	31	7	27	1
Balasore	31	13	31	19
Dacca	29	11	69	4

In Backergunge there was a considerable increase in crime of this class, the number of true cases having risen from 2 in 1883 to 40 in 1884.

Class VI. Offences affecting public health, &c.

§ 16. Taking the Province as a whole, reported offences under Chapters XIV and XV of the Indian Penal Code (offences affecting public health, &c., and religion) remained stationary. Taking each district separately, the variations in the figures of the past two years were greatest in the following districts:—

	Increase.					Decrease.			
	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.			Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.		1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
24-Pergunnahs	180	315	184	349	Jessore	173	60	94	66
Tipperah	57	121	107	161	Howrah	120	19	143	19
Midnapore	75	119	100	160	Dinagepore	61	15	60	13
Pooree	23	63	29	62	Dacca	130	98	150	103
Furreedpore	75	111	75	129	Moorshedabad	86	54	93	46
Bankura	35	64	32	60	Chittagong	58	29	63	28

The decrease in Howrah is reported to have resulted from the transfer in Ulubaria of a large number of nuisance cases from the head of Penal Code offences to that of offences under local laws. In 1883, nuisances were punished in this district under sections 290 and 291, Indian Penal Code, pending the sanction of bye-laws for carrying out the provisions of "The Lodging House Act" (IV B. C. of 1871). This sanction having been granted in October 1883, offences of that class were dealt with in 1884 under the bye-laws, after they had been duly published. In Rungpore, offences under Chapter XV of the Indian Penal Code rose from 5 in 1883 to 24 in 1884—an increase which is due to a number of prosecutions of ferry-farmers for using and for habitually overcrowding dilapidated boats.

Class VII. Offences affecting the human body.

§ 17. The total number of reported offences affecting the human body, under Chapter XVI of the Penal Code, was 69,491 in the past, as compared with 70,224 in the previous year. The decrease is chiefly observable in the following districts:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1883.	1884.	1883	1884.
Furreedpore	2,379	1,827	553	419
24-Pergunnahs	4,779	4,335	1,924	1,417
Khulna	1,136	708	348	278
Howrah	1,457	1,204	437	449
Backergunge	1,841	1,630	571	513

There was a marked increase in crime of this class in Calcutta, Burdwan, Chittagong, Dacca, and Jessore. The increase in Chittagong is ascribed by the District Magistrate to the fact that the weakness of the Magisterial staff encourages the institution of alarge number of complaints on petition, which are not satisfactorily dealt with in the first instance. He points out in illustration of this theory, that in 1,017 assault cases, taken up as true, only 380 persons were actually brought to trial. In Burdwan the increase is ascribed to the failure of the crops in several parts of the district, and the consequent distress

among the labouring classes. The inference is by no means clear; the more especially as a decrease in offences of this class in Pubna and Rungpore is ascribed to an exactly similar cause. It is possible that the scanty rainfall during the cultivating season gave rise to cases of criminal force or assault, arising out of disputes regarding water for irrigation purposes.

§ 18. The following statement gives details of some of the chief heads of crime included in this class :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
19. Murder	306	284	142	132
21. Culpable homicide	223	224	163	136
30. Grievous hurt	863	922	720	807
31 & 34. Simple hurt and assault	47,440	48,631	15,843	14,863
40. Rape	186	162	45	33

The number of persons brought to trial on charges of murder was greatest in the following districts: Mymensingh, 51; Dacca, 46; Tipperah, 44; Midnapore, 43; Rungpore, 31; and Backergunge, 30. No cases of murder were reported from Chumparun, and but few from Beerbhoom, Balasore, Darjeeling, Bogra, and Maldah.

Class VIII. Offences against property.

§ 19. The total number of offences against property under Chapter XVII of the Penal Code was 89,174 in the past, as compared with 79,179 in the previous year. The increase is contributed by all but nine districts in the Province, and chiefly by the following :—

	Cases accepted as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Nuddea	1,964	3,484	870	1,068
Gya	3,112	4,055	575	841
Monghyr	1,380	2,241	516	699
Durbhangah	2,038	2,818	478	900
Bhaugulpore	1,224	1,955	498	771
Purneah	1,889	2,400	625	853
Rajshahye	1,206	1,628	547	635
Pooree	1,307	1,715	895	1,168

The decrease in the nine districts mentioned above was slight except in Mymensingh, where the number of true cases fell from 3,762 in 1883 to 3,366 in 1884.

As in 1883, the increase in crime against property is attributed generally to the high prices of food-grains. In Rungpore a serious increase occurred in the number of cases of dacoity. In that district a notorious local dacoit, Saheb Khan, defied all the efforts of the Police to apprehend him, and organized dacoities in the districts of Dinagepore, Jalpaiguree, and Cooch Behar. He is said to have been recently apprehended at Jalpaiguree. The crime is one for which peculiar facilities are offered in Rungpore, where the people are said to be so pusillanimous, and where the houses in a village are so scattered, that no combined resistance is ever offered to dacoits. At the first appearance of a few men with blackened faces, carrying torches, the villagers take to the *jangal* and leave their property to be plundered.

Details of the chief heads of crime falling under this class are given below :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
42, 43, 55. Theft and receipt of stolen property.	27,003	31,550	14,133	17,596
49—52. Dacoity	138	187	201	142
44—48. Robbery and extortion	1,121	980	330	271
61. House-trespass and house-breaking	14,934	18,695	1,022	2,297

The number of true cases of dacoity rose considerably, but the prosecutions were not very successful; as, out of 532 persons put upon their trial, only 142, or 26·6 per cent., were convicted.

Class IX. Chapters XVIII to XXII of the Penal Code.

§ 20. The total number of cases under Chapters XVIII to XXII of the Penal Code, relating to documents, trade or property marks, breaches of contract of service, marriage, defamation and criminal intimidation, and insult or annoyance, was 7,475 in the past, as compared with 8,515 in the previous year. The following districts show a marked decrease in crime of this class:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
24-Pergunnahs	947	545	643	236
Furreedpore	265	152	10	11
Mymensingh	454	363	31	21
Dacca	287	199	35	20
Midnapore	316	233	48	35
Tipperah	233	173	19	14
Hooghly	227	175	54	31

A considerable increase in cases returned as true is reported from the following districts:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Calcutta	254	440	89	111
Bogra	95	137	16	2
Jessore	177	213	29	38
Monghyr	56	98	8	18
Chittagong	59	91	15	9

The proportion of persons convicted to the number of persons tried for offences of this class continues to be very low, and has even fallen off since 1883, the figures being 28·3 and 34·1 for the past two years. Taking each district separately, the proportion may be considered to be high in the following districts, *viz.*, Singbhum (86·9 per cent.), Balasore (64·5 per cent.), Bhaugulpore (54·5 per cent.), and Bankura (50 per cent.). In these districts, however, very few persons were tried. The proportion in Bogra (2·1 per cent.) was remarkably low, especially as 91 persons were put upon their trial during the year.

Class X. Offences against Special Laws.

§ 21. The total number of offences against special laws was 84,572 in the past year, as compared with 78,864 in 1883. The districts which contributed most towards this increase are given below:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Calcutta	21,349	30,325	21,128	29,988
Dinagepore	500	1,532	460	1,431
Monghyr	1,226	1,711	1,052	1,578
Dacca	1,796	2,230	1,402	1,729
Gya	1,236	1,561	1,135	1,460
Howrah	3,202	3,422	3,079	3,345
Nuddea	947	1,162	797	801

In the following districts there was a noticeable decrease in respect of offences against special laws, both as regards true cases and persons convicted:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Patna	6,642	4,763	6,658	4,686
Bhaugulpore	2,199	1,122	1,883	728
24-Pergunnahs	6,906	5,912	7,250	6,234
Backergunge	2,414	1,907	5,409	5,063
Furreedpore	1,337	854	3,348	702
Durbhangah	1,374	934	2,088	1,433
Bankura	528	207	572	191

§ 22. Details of offences under some of the more important special laws are given in the following table:—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Cattle Trespass Act	6,518	6,581	1,566	1,525
Arms and Ammunition Act	1,100	1,122	1,068	1,009
Stamp Act	630	619	607	656
Excise, Salt and Opium Acts	5,050	5,128	4,683	4,769
District Police Act	19,666	16,150	21,037	16,904
Town Police Acts	5,658	7,512	7,674	10,484
Municipal Acts (Mofussil)	10,560	11,231	10,747	11,198

A large increase of offences under the Cattle Trespass Act in Tipperah is reported to be due to the increasing number of cattle pounds under the farming system, and to the fact that all available lands in a village are being put under cultivation, none being left for grazing purposes.

In Bankura there is an apparent falling-off in cases under the Stamp Act, the figures for 1883 having been swelled by the institution of 100 cases against one person alone in respect of the various accounts of his debtors recorded in a *khatta-bahi*.

§ 23. The following table shows that the general results of criminal trials remained practically stationary during the past two years:— Results of trials in all Courts. *Tables A 1 and B 1*

	1883.	1884.
Acquitted and discharged	70,450	70,986
Convicted	149,752	153,460
Percentage convicted	68·	68·3

Taking each class of offences separately, the proportion of convictions to persons tried was slightly higher than in 1883 in respect only of offences under Chapter XVII of the Indian Penal Code and of offences against local and special laws; while the proportion in respect of offences under Chapter VIII of the Indian Penal Code was exactly the same in the past two years.

The proportion of acquittals and discharges was, as in 1883, lowest in Calcutta (8·8 per cent.), Darjeeling (21·3 per cent.), and Singbhum (25·2 per cent.) It was highest in Jessore and Mymensingh (48·1 per cent. in each), Pubna (46·8 per cent.), and Sarun (46·1 per cent.).

The following figures show the proportion of convictions to trials for offences under the Penal Code for the three years preceding and the two years following the introduction of the new Code of Criminal Procedure:—

1879	58·0	1882	56·3	1883 . 55·1
1880	56·8			1884 . 55·5
1881	56·4			

It will be seen that, although there was a slight falling-off in the year immediately after the introduction of the Act, the proportion in the past year was somewhat higher than in 1883.

It would seem, therefore, that the provisions of the new Code as to compromise have not materially increased the proportionate number of persons shown as acquitted or discharged.

Results of trials of European British subjects. *Statement 8.*

§ 24. On a reference to the new statement appended to this Report it will be observed that, during the past year, 291 European British subjects involved in 227 cases were brought to trial in the Criminal Courts of 20 districts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal. These cases were, with one exception, all disposed of during the year. Of the 226 cases disposed of, 201 were tried by European Magistrates, 20 by natives, and 5 by European Sessions Judges. Of the 20 cases tried by native Magistrates, 11 are reported from the 24-Pergunnahs, 5 from Durbhangah, 3 from Howrah, and the remaining 1 from Moorshedabad.

The districts in which the largest number of European British subjects were brought before the Criminal Courts were Chittagong (89), Howrah (45), Darjeeling (39), and the 24-Pergunnahs (37). Such trials were very rare in the following districts, *viz.*, Moorshedabad, Purneah, and Manbhum (1 person in each), Balasore and Bankura (2 in each), and Beerbhoom, Jalpaiguree, Rungpore, Sarun, and Nuddea (3 in each). In regard to the cases of European British subjects tried at Chittagong, the District Magistrate reports as follows :—

"This (Statement 8) is a new statement, and was prescribed at the end of the year when it was too late to ascertain whether the persons tried were all British subjects or not. In practice, all persons of European (and American) extraction are tried as if they were British. Almost all the cases are petty instances of refusal of duty under the Shipping Act, or of disorderly behaviour under the Police Act, and relate entirely to seamen. The question of nationality is very seldom raised or enquired into. There has been a considerable decrease of cases against Europeans in 1884 as compared with 1883. One serious case was a homicide, committed to the High Court and tried at the close of the year."

The offences with which the European British subjects brought to trial during 1884 were commonly charged were breaches of special and local laws (under which 165 were charged), criminal force and assault (42), criminal trespass (17), hurt (16), and offences against the public tranquillity (11).

Of the persons whose cases were dealt with, 206, or 71 per cent., were convicted: 202 by Magistrates, 3 by Courts of Session, and 1 by the High Court.

One person under trial before a Magistrate claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, and 282 accused waived their right. In the Courts of Session, 6 persons claimed to be tried by a mixed jury.

One case involving some difficulty in connection with the trial of European British subjects was reported during the past year. This case occurred in Bankura, in which the accused, who was charged with a trifling offence under section 447 of the Indian Penal Code, on being summoned claimed to be tried by jury. But as there was at the time no jury to be found in the district, the case was, under the orders of the High Court, transferred to the file of the Sessions Judge of Burdwan. Here, however, the accused objected to being tried by a mixed jury. Eventually Government was obliged to depute a special officer to try the case at Bankura.

Miscellaneous cases under the Code of Criminal Procedure. Chapter VIc and Section 485. *Statement 3. Table I.*

§ 25. The number of recusant witnesses against whom proceedings were taken under Chapter VI*c* and section 485 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was 56 in the past, as compared with 49 in the previous year. Of the total number against whom proceedings were taken in 1884, 39 were convicted. Proceedings under this section were instituted in 11 districts only, the largest number (19) being reported from Mymensingh.

§ 26. The number of persons against whom proceedings were taken in each of the years 1883 and 1884 under Chapter VIII of the Code of Criminal Procedure (relating to the prevention of breaches of the peace) is given in the following table :— Chapter VIII. (1.) Proceedings to prevent breach of the peace.

	1883.	1884.
Total number of cases on the files	3,489	2,733
Total number of persons concerned . . .	14,921	11,282
Number of persons required to find sureties .	3,957	2,728
Number of persons required to give recognizance to keep the peace.	7,172	5,002

Of the 7,730 persons required to find sureties or to give recognizance to keep the peace, 678 had been convicted of offences involving a breach of the peace. The provisions of this chapter of the Code continue to be freely applied in Backergunge and Furreedpore. There was, however, a considerable diminution in the number of persons called upon to furnish security or to give recognizance in both these districts, and especially in Furreedpore. The figures for 1884 were 4,559 in Backergunge and 506 in Furreedpore, whereas those for 1883 were 4,961 and 3,060 respectively. The following districts also return a large number of persons required to furnish security or to give recognizance, *viz.*, Tipperah (273), Khulna (255), Mymensingh (190), and Pubna (180). In Hazaribagh and Singbhum the return is blank, while in Jalpaiguree, Chittagong, Darjeeling, Noakhally, and Maldah the provisions of this chapter of the Code were very sparingly applied. In Tipperah there was an increase of 62 cases and 162 convictions compared with 1883, and in this district the disputes regarding landmarks, the ill-feeling between the landlords and tenants, or quarrels between rival landlords frequently give rise to affrays which terminate in the offending parties being bound over to keep the peace.

§ 27. The following statement shows the number of proceedings taken in each of the past two years under Chapter VIII of the Code of Criminal Procedure (security for good behaviour) :— (2.) Security for good behaviour.

	1883.	1884.
Total number of cases dealt with	1,095	1,157
Total number of persons concerned	1,159	1,237
Number of persons required to give security for good behaviour.	744	764
Number of persons imprisoned in default of security for good behaviour.	611	633

The proportion of persons who failed to give security when required to do so was 82·8 per cent. in the past, as compared with 82·1 per cent. in the previous year. Of the 633 persons imprisoned in default of security, 19 were committed to jail for periods not exceeding three years by order of the Courts of Session under section 123 of the Code.

The largest number of persons who were required to give security for good behaviour was reported from Backergunge (92), Sarun (67), Monghyr (60) and Furreedpore (42); and the smallest number from Pooree (1), Chittagong (2), Rajshahye (3), and Cuttack, Dinagepore, and Calcutta (4 each). The returns of Balasore, Darjeeling, Maldah, Jalpaiguree, and Singbhum are blank in this respect.

Chapter X. Nuisance.

§ 28. Proceedings for the suppression of nuisances (Chapter X of the Code of Criminal Procedure) were taken in 479 cases. The following districts returned the largest number—Hooghly (111), 24-Pergunnahs (70), Tipperah (62), and Shahabad (42). In 15 districts (including Calcutta) no such proceedings were taken. The orders passed were in favour of 284, and adverse to 748 of the defendants. The corresponding figures for 1883 were 277 and 907. In 67 cases referred under section 138 of the Code, the jury confirmed or very slightly modified the orders of the Magistrate.

Chapter XII. Possession cases.

§ 29. The number of cases regarding possession of land (Chapter XII of the Code of Criminal Procedure) decided by Magistrates was 350 in the past, as compared with 391 in the previous year. Cases of this nature were most numerous in Furreedpore (74), Patna (33), Mozufferpore (32), and Jessore (24). No such cases occurred in Bankura, Bogra, Calcutta, Cuttack, Darjeeling, Dinagepore, Manbhum, Noakhally, Pooree, or Singbhum.

Chapter XX. *Section 250.*

§ 30. The number of persons whose complaints were dismissed as frivolous or vexatious was 990 in the past, as compared with 979 in the previous year. The amount of compensation awarded to accused parties was Rs. 8,911-8 in 1884, as compared with Rs. 8,897-8 in 1883. Orders awarding compensation to accused persons were most numerous in Calcutta (145), 24-Pergunnahs (77), Dacca (71), Mozufferpore (56), Shahabad (47), Patna (45), and Mymensingh (40); and were rare in Beerbhoom, Bankura, Hooghly, and Manbhum (3 in each), Dinagepore, Khulna, and Lohardugga (4 in each), and Furreedpore and Jalpaigure (5 each); while in Darjeeling, Maldah, and Singbhum no such awards were made.

Chapter XXIII. *Section 332.*

§ 31. Fifty-eight jurors and assessors in 8 districts in the Province, as against 38 in 7 districts in 1883, rendered themselves liable to fine for non-attendance (section 332 of the Code of Criminal Procedure). Of these, 16 only were fined. As in 1883, the largest number of these cases occurred in Mymensingh; where, however, of the 27 persons who rendered themselves liable, only 2 were fined. Next to Mymensingh, Nuddea returns the largest number of cases of this description.

Chapter XXXV.

§ 32. Under the provisions of Chapter XXXV of the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to contempts of Court, 235 persons were summarily convicted in 1884, as compared with 212 in 1883. These cases were most numerous in Sarun (38), Monghyr (37), and Dacca (22); and were very rare in Beerbhoom, Bankura, Pooree, Balasore, Khulna, Shahabad, Durbhangah, 24-Pergunnahs, and Manbhum (1 in each district). No such cases occurred in Darjeeling, Howrah, Patna, Bogra, Rajshahye, Maldah, Singbhum, and Calcutta.

Chapter XXXVI. Maintenance cases.

§ 33. Proceedings were taken under Chapter XXXVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure against 924 persons, against 477 of whom maintenance-orders were made. The corresponding figures for 1883 were 926 and 475. The districts in which the largest number of such cases occurred are, as in 1882 and 1883, Calcutta (253) and the 24-Pergunnahs (105). In Nuddea (39), Burdwan (37), and Hooghly (36) a considerable number of maintenance cases were instituted. Cases of this class were instituted in all the districts in the Province, but in Bhaugulpore, Dinagepore, Purneah, Chumparun, and Singbhum the complainants were not successful.

Chapter XLII.

§ 34. Orders for the forfeiture of bail or recognizance were passed in the cases of 1,388 persons in 1884, as compared with 1,350 persons in the previous year. Such orders were most numerous in Mymensingh (126), Midnapore (84), Pubna (73), 24-Pergunnahs (63), and Backergunge (60). They were very rare in Beerbhoom and Singbhum. Orders of this description were passed in all the districts in the Province during the past year.

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III.—THE HIGH COURT.

§ 35. Including 4 cases pending at the close of 1883, there were 56 cases on the files of the High Court in the exercise of its original jurisdiction during the year 1884. Of these, 52 were tried, 1 was struck off in consequence of the death of the accused, and 3 remained pending at the close of the year. Besides the above, 1 case relating to a European British subject was committed for trial by the Joint Magistrate of Chittagong. In this case the accused was convicted and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for 7 years. Seventy persons were concerned in the 57 cases on the files of the Court; of these, 1, as stated above, died before his trial came on; 53 were convicted; and 13 were acquitted or discharged. The number of witnesses examined was 516, and the average duration of the cases decided was 27·6 days. The number of witnesses examined in 1883 was 486, and the average duration of the cases decided in that year was 27 days. Original Criminal Jurisdiction of the High Court.

IV.—COURTS OF SESSION.

§ 36. The following statement shows the number of cases committed or referred under sections 31, 34 or 123 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to the Courts of Session, the number decided by such Courts during each of the past two years, and the number remaining untried at the close of each of these years respectively :— Number of commitments, &c. *Table E.*

	Committed or referred for trial.	Tried.	Untried (pending).
1883	1,522	1,481	219
1884	1,563	1,533	232

The variations in the figures of the past two years as regards commitments were most marked in the following districts :—

	1883.	1884.	Increase.		1883.	1884.	Decrease.
Durbhangah .	32	48	16	Balasore .	26	9	17
Mymensingh .	83	98	15	Dacca . .	69	52	17
Cuttack .	12	26	14	Jessore .	55	42	13
Patna . .	42	55	13	Backergunge .	37	26	11
Hazareebagh .	21	33	12	Furreedpore .	39	30	9
Bhaugulpore .	36	47	11	Rungpore .	52	43	9
Tipperah .	34	45	11	Bogra . .	25	17	8
Manbhum .	19	30	11				

Mymensingh shows an increase of 15 cases as compared with 1883, but of only 1 case as compared with 1882. In the Sessions Courts in Chota Nagpore there was a total increase of 27 cases, chiefly under Chapter XVII of the Indian Penal Code. This increase is probably due to the partial failure of the rice and rabi crops in the past year. The increase in Tipperah was in serious offences against the person, and these rise and fall without any ascertainable cause.

§ 37. The average duration of cases decided by Courts of Session was 44·1 days in the past, as compared with 45·8 in the previous years. The following are the Courts in which the greatest and the least delay occurred respectively :— Average duration of cases.

	Days. 1883	Days. 1884.		Days. 1883.	Days. 1884.
Durbhangah .	81·2	84·7	Noakhally .	35·	23·6
Hazareebagh .	77·4	79·3	Beerbhoom .	38·5	24·
Pubna . .	43·4	61·1	Bankura . .	41·	27·4
Maldah . .	61·5	57·	Purneah . .	30·4	29·8
Chumparun .	53·6	56·2	Howrah . .	45·1	33·4
Lohardugga .	37·	56·1	Darjeeling .	34·5	34·
Monghyr . .	47·7	55·8	Mymensingh .	39·4	34·1

In connection with this subject the Sessions Judge of Backergunge observes that as the number of cases decreases, he finds that their duration increases; that each trial now occupies, as a rule, a longer time than it would have done 10 years ago, because the average number of witnesses examined is larger and their examination more lengthy.

Number of persons under trial.
Table G.

§ 38. The total number of persons under trial in the Courts of Session was 3,212* in the past, as compared with 3,119 in the previous year. More than 100 persons were under trial in each of the following Courts of Session:—

* Remaining at the end of 1883	397
Persons whose cases were transferred from another Court	3
Persons received on commitment or reference or on remand for re-trial	2,811
Person committed by Sessions Judge	1
	3,212

Mymensingh	236
Midnapore	208
24-Pergunnahs	154
Sarun	142
Dinagepore	126
Gya	119
Dacca	117
Tipperah	106
Rungpore	103
Nuddea	101

Results of trials.

§ 39. The following statement shows the results of trials in 1883 and 1884. As regards persons whose cases were referred to the High Court under sections 307 and 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the result shown is the final result in the High Court:—

	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Percentage convicted.
1883	1,153	1,538	57·1
1884	1,212	1,539	55·9

Including the cases of those on whom sentence of death was passed, subject to confirmation by the High Court, 56·3 per cent. of the persons whose cases were decided in the past year were convicted by the Courts of Session. The following are the districts in which the largest proportion of convictions resulted:—

Only 3 persons were tried during the year, all of whom were convicted, one being sentenced capitally.

	Per cent.
Singbhum	100·*
Jalpaiguree	82·3
Manbhum	80·9
Noakhally	79·4
Purneah	74·5
Cuttack	73·
Bhaugulpore	71·9

In the following districts the proportion was very low:—

	Per cent.
Hooghly	23·5
Nuddea	33·3
Chittagong	38·4
Balasore	39·3
Bankura	41·
Moorshedabad	42·4
Lohardugga	42·8

In the Courts of Session at Pubna and Bogra the proportion was 43·7 and 44·8 per cent. respectively; the low percentage is ascribed by the Sessions Judge to the want of care and of thoroughness in the preliminary enquiries before the Magistrates.

§ 40. The total number of witnesses examined in the Courts of Session was 11,513 during the past, as compared with 10,865 in the previous year. Including witnesses who were not examined, the total number discharged was 17,837. The number of days during which the witnesses summoned were detained is shown in the margin. The districts in which the greatest number of witnesses were detained for more than three days were—

Number of witnesses examined. *Tables J and K.*

		Percentage.
Discharged on the 1st day	8,525	47·8
" " 2nd "	3,849	21·6
" " 3rd "	2,068	11·6
After the 3rd day	3,395	19·
	17,837	100·

Nuddea	403
Beerbhoom	246
Midnapore	214
Rungpore	203
Furreedpore	194
Rajshahye	180
Lohardugga	169
Noakhally	150

No witnesses were detained for more than three days in the Courts of Session at Bhaugulpore, Darjeeling, Jessore, Khulna, Bogra, Purneah, Jalpaiguree, Chumparun, Tipperah, and Durbhangah. In the Courts at Darjeeling and Jalpaiguree the witnesses were in no case detained for more than two days. The explanations given for the long detention of witnesses are generally to the same effect as reported in previous years, *viz.*, the difficulty experienced by District Magistrates, whose duty it is to summon witnesses, of ascertaining the exact time required for the disposal of cases at the Sessions. The Sessions Judge of Bhaugulpore, on the other hand, attributes the long detention of witnesses at Monghyr to want of care on the part of the District Magistrate in fixing the dates for the hearing of cases at the Sessions.

§ 41. The amount of diet money, &c., paid to witnesses in the Courts of Session was R16,733 in the past, as compared with R18,734 in the previous year. The districts in which the variation in the figures for the past two years is most noticeable are given below :— Diet-money.

DISTRICTS	Amount paid as expenses. 1883.	1884.	Increase.	DISTRICTS.	Amount paid as expenses. 1883.	1884.	Decrease.
	R	R	R		R	R	R
Furreedpore	234	756	522	24-Pergunnahs	1,843	507	1,336
Cuttack	110	489	379	Chittagong	965	303	662
Nuddea	744	1,092	348	Bankura	683	194	489
Rajshahye	72	333	261	Hooghly	625	178	447
Shahabad	332	562	230	Midnapore	2,485	2,161	324
Beerbhoom	562	771	209	Backergunge	416	111	305

The falling off in the amount of expenses paid to witnesses in the Sessions Court at Backergunge is stated to be due to the fact that not even twenty witnesses for the defence received their expenses in 1884, as the Sessions Judge had adopted the stricter rule of refusing payment to any witnesses whose testimony he and the assessors discredited.

§ 42. The area and the offences to which the system of trial by jury extended in former years remained unchanged in the past year. The number of trials by jury was 316 during the past, as compared with 341 during the previous Jury trials. *Statement 7.*

year. In the past year, the Sessions Judge approved of the verdict of the jury in 263 cases, disapproved of it wholly in 46 cases and partially in 23 cases, while in 14 cases tried by the late Sessions Judge of Patna neither the periodical returns nor the records show whether or not he agreed with the verdict either in its entirety or in part. The following extracts are reproduced from some of the Sessions Judges' reports regarding the working of the Jury System :—

Hooghly.—Of the jury system, I can only repeat my opinion, heretofore expressed, that in cases of homicide—indeed I may almost say in all cases of hurt to the person not subsidiary to some other offence—it is grotesquely inappropriate. The mere fact that a Judge may, by reference, obtain a capital sentence in the teeth of a unanimous acquittal is sufficient to show this. Native juries approach these cases in a hopelessly prejudiced frame of mind; generally to this effect: 'the accused may be guilty of murder in causing the death he has caused, but what is the use of our causing his death again? His victim has unfortunately died: but that is irremediable. Must we, who can avoid it, make him our victim, and punish him irremediably?' Such juries catch at any sophism or fallacy used by way of argument for the defence, and as in such cases the policy of the defence is to call no witnesses, and thus have the last word, these fallacies are not answered from the Crown side; and it is not one of the least difficult duties of the Judge in his charge to refute them. In fact, I know no more hopeless or thankless task than a Sessions Judge's in charging in a case of murder. He has the invincible prejudice of the jury to try and overcome; he has to impress them, which can only be done by force of mere iteration, and often not even so, with the legal aspect of the facts in evidence; and he has above all to try and disabuse their minds, already too disposed to receive them, of the effects of an appeal on behalf of the accused in which his advocate has used every device of sophism, of fallacy, and even of direct misrepresentation. It is small wonder that the charge of the Judge, whose sole desire is to see justice done, should afterwards read somewhat as a 'speech for the prosecution,' as has been sometimes, with scant justice, remarked. In other classes of offences, the jury system, however, works fairly well, there being no antecedent prepossession in favour of acquittal. Indeed, I am afraid that in offences such as dacoity, or in cases in which an *employé* or *protégé* has abused confidence, juries are only too ready to convict. In all these cases juries generally follow the lead of the most intelligent man among them, which does not mean necessarily their foreman. The selection of a foreman is merely a question of precedence of caste; itself a significant fact.

Moorshedabad.—I think trial by jury is fairly successful in this district, especially in short and simple cases, but there have not been wanting a few instances in which the opinion of the jury or of the majority is such as to occasion surprise to those who have heard the evidence, and appears to be framed on something they have heard out of Court rather than in it.

I do not think it is a duty that any juror likes, and unfortunately the more respectable a juror is, the more (except when he is a pleader) anxious is he to avoid attendance. I had to show the jurors generally that I did not mean to allow them to shirk their duty, and the infliction of two fines early in the year has done much to check frivolous excuses for non-attendance.

Patna.—I regret to be obliged to add my testimony to that of other Judges in stating that I consider the trial of offences against the person in Patna by the jury system results, in a large proportion of the cases, in a serious failure of justice. Out of 12 cases of murder and culpable homicide, the jury have convicted in only 3 cases, and in one of these, tried by Mr. Garrett, I find that the evidence appeared to justify a conviction under section 304, whereas the conviction was under section 323. Had the whole of these cases been tried by a Judge with the aid of assessors, convictions could have been obtained in 9 cases. In the district of Burdwan, on the other hand, I find that out of 68 cases decided in two years, I disapproved of the verdict in only 15 instances, and the majority of these were not offences affecting the human body. I adhere generally to the views expressed by me in the Report for 1883, quoted at page 14 of the High Court Resolution on the Administration of Criminal Justice in Bengal, as regards trial by jury in Bengal. The result at Burdwan, in the comparatively few instances when the verdicts did not meet with the approval of the Judge, may have proceeded from honest doubt as to the credibility of the evidence, and in one or two cases from the keen distaste which all native jurors feel in convicting in capital cases, especially when there are no eye-witnesses. In Patna, on the other hand, it is impossible to suppose that the almost uniform failure of the jurors to return the verdicts to which the evidence points as reasonable can be due to any other cause than either a constitutional and perverse inability to arrive at proper conclusions from the testimony of witnesses, or a determination not to give a conscientious verdict, arising from unworthy motives. I may observe that the fear of being con-

cerned indirectly in the imposition of a sentence of death, the cause which in Bengal occasionally results in unjust verdicts, has little to do with the unfortunate result of the Patna trials, for only in one case tried by me, and possibly in another tried by Mr. Garrett, was there any likelihood of a capital sentence being passed. I had intended addressing Government on the subject, but unhappily the result of references to the High Court under section 307, Criminal Procedure Code, has not strengthened my case sufficiently to render an appeal to Government likely to be efficacious. In 6 cases referred by Mr. Garrett and myself the verdict of the jury has been set aside in 3 cases, and upheld in 3 cases. One of these, it should be observed, was a prosecution under section 211, Penal Code. It is clear that Government, who are extremely reluctant to appeal from results of acquittals, rely on the exercise of the powers vested in Sessions Judges under section 307, Criminal Procedure Code, to obtain the reversal of any manifestly unjust verdict. In the Resolution on the Police Report for the year 1883, the Lieutenant-Governor remarks as follows:—'If in any case a failure of justice occurs owing to a manifestly wrong verdict of the jury, the remedy lies in the application of section 307 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which provides that when the Sessions Judge disagrees with the verdict of the jury, or of a majority of jurors, on all or any of the charges on which an accused person has been tried, so completely that he considers it necessary for the ends of justice to submit the case to the High Court, he may submit it accordingly for orders, and if the original verdict has been one of acquittal, the High Court may acquit or convict the accused of any offence of which the jury could have convicted him on the charge. These provisions, in the opinion of the Lieutenant-Governor, are too often overlooked. They should, if fully used, be a sufficient check on improper acquittals by juries.' How little the provisions of section 307 can really operate to do away with the effect of conclusions opposite to those at which a Judge sitting alone would have arrived is seen from the result of trials in the present year. It can hardly be doubted that in the majority of the 12 cases in which the Judge dissented from the verdict, an appeal from the sentence of a Judge trying the same cases with the aid of assessors would have in all probability been rejected or dismissed. I think I am right in presuming that a Court sitting to hear a reference from the verdict of the jury under section 307, Criminal Procedure Code, demands—and very naturally so—a higher standard of proof before it will consent to set aside the unanimous verdict of a jury, than it would require to enable it to uphold the sentence of a Judge in appeal. The rulings lay down that the *onus* is on the prosecution to show that the verdict of the jury is entirely unreasonable, perverse and patently wrong. In 2 out of the 3 cases referred by Mr. Garrett and myself, which resulted in the verdict being upheld, I gather from the remarks of the Hon'ble Judges who heard the references, that the evidence did not reach the standard required to enable the Court to say that the jury were unquestionably wrong. If, however, in these, as in the majority of analogous cases, a verdict of guilty by a Judge sitting alone would have been upheld by the High Court, it is clear that the system of trial by jury in Patna opposes a barrier to the proper administration of justice which the Judge is ordinarily powerless to remove. I think it right also to note that, so far as I can gather from the records, in not one of the 6 cases referred did the Government appoint any one to appear in the High Court in support of the Judge's reference, although it is clear from the extract above quoted they rely on the proper use of section 307 to prevent failure of justice owing to improper acquittals by juries. I am, on the whole, therefore, of opinion that the system of trial by jury for offences against the person is unsuited at present to Behar.

On the other hand, juries in Patna almost invariably convict in cases of offences against property. In two of the convictions I entertained some slight doubt as to the adequacy of the evidence to support the conviction, but it is probable the jury arrived at a correct result. I wish to repeat here still more emphatically the observation I made in my annual Criminal Report for Burdwan with regard to the effect of section 310, Criminal Procedure Code. The procedure there laid down to prevent bias on the part of the jury or assessors owing to the accused being an old offender is absolutely ineffective for this purpose for the following reasons:—

(1) The jury are invariably aware that an accused sent up to the Sessions under any of the sections of Chapter XVII must have been previously convicted or he would not have been committed to the Sessions at all;

(2) Such accused are generally undefended, and when asked if they wish to cross-examine any witness they invariably betray the fact of their previous convictions, as the usual defence is that they have been sent up by the police owing to the suspicion attaching to them from their being old or habitual offenders;

(3) They generally state the fact when asked if they mean to adduce evidence or are called upon to make any statement they choose; and

(4) The provisions of section 287 requiring that the 'examination of the accused before the committing Magistrate shall be . . . . read as evidence,' is practically inconsistent with the procedure laid down in section 310, for the statements made in the Lower Court are frequently so recorded that it is exceedingly difficult to avoid reading out something which involves an admission of a previous conviction. There is no allusion to section 287 in section 310; and it is difficult to see how the spirit of section 310 is to be reconciled with the undoubted right of the accused that the statement he makes in defence should be read and considered by the jury for what it is worth.

I therefore consider the procedure laid down in section 310 to be cumbrous and ineffective, and I believe a much fairer trial could be had if the fact of the previous conviction were from the first openly avowed. In that case the Judge would be enabled to caution the jury against allowing their minds to be prejudiced by such previous convictions. Under the present rules this cannot be so effectively done.

Trial with Assessors.

§ 43. The number of trials held with the aid of Assessors was 1,075 in the past as compared with 996 in the previous year. In 819 cases the Sessions Judge concurred in the opinions of both the Assessors. In 117 cases the Sessions Judge differed from the opinion of one, and in 139 cases from the opinion of both Assessors.

MAGISTRATES' COURTS.

V.—PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATES.

Number of cases brought to trial, determined, and pending. *Table E.*

§ 44. The statement given in the margin shows the number of cases brought to trial, determined, and pending in the Courts of the Presidency Magistrates during the past two years. As in previous years, cases instituted under section 347 of the Calcutta Municipal Act before Justices of the Peace are not included in the figures, as no returns are received by the Court from them.

	1883.	1884.
Brought to trial	26,906	34,419
Determined	26,971	34,440
Pending	39	45

The figures on the margin show the relative number of cases decided respectively by Presidency Magistrates sitting singly and by Benches of Magistrates.

	Number of cases decided. 1883.	1884.
By Presidency Magistrates sitting singly . . .	19,051	23,179
By Benches of Magistrates .	7,920	11,261

Results of trial. *Table II.*

§ 45. The total number of persons under trial before the Presidency Magistrates was 46,240 in the past, as compared with 35,924 in the previous year. Of the total number of persons tried during the year under notice, 4,030 were acquitted, 42,075 were convicted, 5 died, escaped, or were transferred, and 65 were committed to the Sessions.

The results of trials before each class of tribunal during the year are shown below:—

	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Percentage of convictions.
Stipendiary Magistrates	2,542	31,670	92·5
Benches of Magistrates	1,488	10,405	87·4
TOTAL .	4,030	42,075	91·2

VI.—COURTS OUTSIDE THE PRESIDENCY TOWN.

Number of cases brought to trial, disposed of, and pending, 1883 and 1884, in the Mofussil. *Table E.*

§ 46. The number of cases brought to trial and disposed of in the Courts of Magistrates in the Mofussil during each of the past two years, as also the number remaining undisposed of at the close of each of these years respectively, was as follows:—

	Brought to trial.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1883	123,358	123,152	3,034
1884	121,711	121,464	3,083

The decrease in the number of cases brought to trial is most marked in the following districts:—

	1883.	1884.	Decrease.
Patna	8,517	6,553	1,964
24-Pergunnahs	12,137	10,732	1,405
Bhaugulpore	3,325	2,423	902
Furreedpore	3,342	2,527	815
Mymensingh	4,915	4,369	546

On the other hand, there was a considerable increase in the following districts:—

	1883.	1884.	Increase.
Dinagepore	1,913	2,889	976
Monghyr	2,510	3,264	754
Gya	2,929	3,473	544
Pooree	2,150	2,690	540
Nuddea	3,319	3,744	425

Notwithstanding the decrease in the number of cases brought on the files during the year, the pending files at the close of the year increased from 3,034 in 1883 to 3,083 in 1884.

Distribution of business. *Statement 4.*

§ 47. The following statement shows the respective number of cases tried regularly and tried summarily by the Courts of the several grades during each of the past two years:—

	Tried regularly.		Tried summarily.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Special Magistrates	85	99	...	...
Honorary "	1,541	1,687	27	93
Stipendiary "	73,334	71,591	15,191	18,415
Benches of "	10,814	8,184	20,595	19,871
District "	739	811	697	551
TOTAL	86,513	82,372	36,510	38,930

References under sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code.

§ 48. Besides the cases so shown, District and Divisional Magistrates disposed of 162 cases referred to them by Subordinate Magistrates under sections 347 and 349 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The corresponding number for 1883 was 130.

Amount of work done by District Magistrates.

§ 49. The number of criminal cases decided by the District Magistrates in their judicial capacity during each of the past two years is given below:—

	Number of cases tried.	
	1883.	1884.
Cases referred under sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code	130	162
Cases dealt with under ordinary powers	1,419	1,350
Cases dealt with under special powers under section 34, Criminal Procedure Code	17	12
TOTAL	1,566	1,524

The largest numbers of cases were tried by District Magistrates in Cuttack (120), Backergunge (119), Singbhum (104), Howrah (98), and Khulna (81); and the smallest numbers by the District Magistrates of Bankura (1), Nuddea (2), Darjeeling, Rajshahye, and Mozufferpore (3 each), Monghyr and Jessore (6 each), and Patna and Purneah (8 each). No judicial criminal work was dealt with by the District Magistrate of the 24-Pergunnahs during the past year.

Cases dealt with under section 34, Criminal Procedure Code.

§ 50. Twelve cases, as against 17 in 1883, were decided by the Deputy Commissioners of the districts noted on the margin, in the exercise of the special powers conferred on them by section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Three out of the above 12 were referred to the Court of Session for confirmation of sentences of imprisonment for terms exceeding three years.

Hazaresbagh	4
Lohardugga	1
Manbhum	3
Singbhum	4

Average duration of cases.

§ 51. The following table shows the average duration of cases decided during the past two years by the several classes of Magistrates:—

	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	
	1883.	1884.
Special Honorary Magistrates	5·8	3·8
Benches of Magistrates	3·9	4·4
Stipendiary Magistrates other than District Magistrates	11·6	11·8
District Magistrates	7·6	8·2
All Magistrates in the interior	9·5	9·9

The districts in which, and the class of Magistrates before whom, trials were conducted with the greatest expedition or otherwise are given below:—

DISTRICTS.	Special and Honorary Magistrates.		Benches of Magistrates.		Stipendiary Magistrates other than District Magistrates.		District Magistrates.	
	Prompt disposals.	Protracted disposals.	Prompt disposals.	Protracted disposals.	Prompt disposals.	Protracted disposals.	Prompt disposals.	Protracted disposals.
Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...	8·5	...	...	..
Monghyr	...	...	...	...	...	15·	..	...
Burdwan	...	...	...	...	...	...	1·6	...
Bankura	...	...	...	9·6	...	16·3	1·	...
Chittagong	...	...	...	...	...	...	1·4	...
Cuttack	...	...	2 9	...	...	...	...	...
Pooree	...	...	...	9·3	...	...	...	...
Balasore	...	7·1	·9	...	...	...	...	31·
Dacca	1·	...	1·1	...	.	...	1·	...
Dinagepore	...	...	...	9·9	7·3	...	...	...
Darjeeling	...	...	...	..	7 3	...	...	26·
Furreedpore	...	...	...	11·2	...	15·3	...	...
Gya	1 2	...	1·9	...	...	...	...	15·
Hooghly	...	...	2·8	...	...	...	...	...
Howrah	...	...	2 3	...	...	...	...	...
Jessore	1·	...	...	...	...	...	1·1	...
Khulna	...	...	...	14·1	...	16·1	...	...
Midnapore	...	...	...	...	...	16·2	...	...
Moorshedabad	1·1	...	...	...	...	...	...	16·8
Mymensigh	...	...	...	...	...	17 2	...	19·7
Noakhally	...	...	...	...	...	17·	...	15 2
Nuddea	...	...	2 8	...	...	...	...	...
Patna	...	...	2 5	...	...	.	..	...
Pubna	...	...	...	...	...	17·1	1·8	...
Bogra	...	8·2	...	...	...	...	2·5	...
Purneah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24·2
Rajshahye	...	...	2·2	...	...	.	2·	...
Maldah	...	7·6	...	9·2	...	17·8	...	...
Jalpaiguree	...	...	...	15·4	...	...	...	58·2
Sarun	...	...	...	...	...	...	1·9	...
Chumparun	...	14·6	...	...	...	...	..	...
Shahabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	1·9	...
Mozufferpore	...	..	2·4	...	...	...	1 ·	...
Lohardugga	...	20·	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manbhum	...	8·	...	...	...	...	...	18·3
24-Pergunnahs	...	...	...	...	6·6	...	...	...

In Patna the average duration of cases decided by all classes of Magistrates rose from 3·7 days in 1883 to 5·4 in 1884—a result which, it is reported, was due to the insufficiency of the staff of Magistrates during a greater part of the past year.

§ 52. The total number of persons under trial in the Courts of the Magistrates in the districts was 184,530[6] in the past as compared with 190,266 in the previous year. On the margin details are given showing the manner in which the accused persons were brought to trial during 1884. On a comparison with the corresponding figures for 1883, it will be observed that there was a considerable increase in the number of arrests by the Police, while, on the other hand, there was a marked decrease in the number of persons brought to trial on summons and on warrant.

Under arrest by police	86,127
Upon warrant	11,914
On summons	77,798
Voluntarily	3,015

Number persons under trial. *Table H.*

§ 53. Omitting persons entered as "committed or referred" and persons who died, escaped, or were transferred, the total number of persons whose cases were decided during the past year was 175,517. Of these 109,793, or 62·5 per cent., were convicted, and 65,724 were acquitted or discharged. The variations in the percentages of convictions are shown in the following table :—

Total number of persons tried, and with what results.

	Percentage convicted.		Percentage convicted.
Darjeeling	79·	Mymensingh	51·6
Singbhum	74·6	Jessore	52·
Howrah	72·	Pubna	53·4
24-Pergunnahs	71·3	Sarun	53·7
Patna	70·9	Midnapore	54·3
Backergunge	70·1	Rungpore	54·8
Dinagepore	69·4	Jalpaiguree	54·8
Durbhangah	67·8	Bogra	54·9

The percentage of convictions in Darjeeling was 82·9 in 1883, and the inferior results in 1884 are attributed by the Magistrates of the district to the bad working of the Police in that year and the careless way in which their cases were sent up. The Deputy Commissioner adds that this view is corroborated by other features in the criminal history of the year.

§ 54. The following statement shows the results of trials before the Magistrates of each class :—

Results of trials before each class of Magistrates.

	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Percentage of convictions.
Special Magistrates	137	185	57·4
Honorary "	719	1,586	68·8
Stipendiary "	53,772	82,151	60·4
Benches of "	10,521	24,248	69·7
District "	575	1,623	73·8

On a comparison with the corresponding figures for 1883, it will be observed that the proportion of convictions was greater in 1884 in the Courts of Honorary and of District Magistrates.

§ 55. The mode of trial and the nature of the sentences passed in the case of persons convicted is shown in the following table :—

Trial, regular, summary; sentences appealable, non-appealable.

	On regular trial.	On summary trial.
Sentence appealable	40,192	5,943
" not appealable	33,403	30,255

These figures show that of the persons convicted on summary trial, 16·4 per cent., and of those tried regularly, 54·6 per cent., had the right of appeal. The corresponding figures for 1883 were 14·4 per cent. and 49·8 per cent.

The number of persons convicted on summary trial by the various classes of tribunals was as follows :—

Honorary Magistrates	77
Stipendiary "	18,208
Benches of "	17,220
District "	693
TOTAL	36,198

[6] These figures include remanets from the previous year, and double entries in some cases, *e.g.*, of persons referred to another Court for a higher punishment, persons transferred from one district to another, &c.

Details of persons awaiting trial.
Table I.

§ 56. Excluding lunatics, the total number of persons awaiting trial before the Magistrates at the close of 1884 was 5,534.

Details are given on the margin showing the manner in which the attendance of these persons was secured. Excluding the case of lunatics, the duration of the pending trials is thus shown :—

In custody	711
On bail	3,887
On recognizance	871
Otherwise	65

More than 6 months	11
„ 3 „	94
„ 2 „	177
„ 1 month	707
Not exceeding 1 month	4,545

These figures do not compare favourably with the corresponding figures for 1883.

As in previous years, the explanations submitted by Magistrates regarding the delay in the disposal of cases pending more than three months were considered by the High Court, and the necessary orders were communicated to the officers concerned.

Number of witnesses examined.
Table J.

§ 57. The number of witnesses examined in the Courts of Magistrates in the districts was 410,955 in the past, as compared with 394,290 in the previous year. The districts in which the greatest variations in the figures for the past two years occur are given below :—

	1883.	1884.	Increase.		1883.	1884.	Decrease
24-Pergunnahs	24,398	28,180	3,782	Mymensingh	21,380	18,818	2,562
Jessore	11,362	13,880	2,518	Dinagepore	6,356	5,534	822
Pooree	6,116	8,501	2,385	Lohardugga	6,874	6,097	777
Burdwan	8,894	10,322	1,428	Rajshahye	10,170	9,404	766
Gya	9,995	11,395	1,400	Darjeeling	4,008	3,272	736
Khulna	6,502	7,841	1,339	Sarun	11,169	10,466	703
Nuddea	12,613	13,850	1,237	Moorshedabad	12,683	12,008	675
Hooghly	14,901	16,022	1,121				
Furreedpore	9,240	10,295	1,055				
Beerbhoom	4,209	5,228	1,019				

Diet-money.

§ 58. The amount paid to witnesses on account of their expenses was ₹22,052 during the year under review, as compared with ₹20,928 in the previous year. The increase occurred principally in the following districts :—

	1883.	1884.	Increase.
	₹	₹	₹
Rungpore	341	1,079	738
Nuddea	537	999	462
Moorshedabad	186	571	385
Dacca	625	959	334

On the other hand, a marked decrease is shown in the returns of the following districts :—

	1883.	1884.	Decrease.
	₹	₹	₹
Hooghly	1,205	649	556
Balasore	826	353	473
Midnapore	3,243	2,782	461
Cuttack	632	329	303

Detention of witnesses.
Table K.

§ 59. The number of days after which witnesses in the Magistrates' Courts were discharged is given in the margin, and compares favourably with the results of the preceding year as shown in the Report for that year. The largest number of witnesses were detained for more than three days in the districts of Backergunge

Discharged on the 1st day	420,043
„ „ „ 2nd „	76,629
„ „ „ 3rd „	17,538
„ after the 3rd „	5,191

(651), Furreedpore (509), Bhaugulpore (383), Pubna (379), Midnapore (355), Monghyr (346), Cuttack (289), 24-Pergunnahs (223), Pooree (216), Tipperah (207), and Durbhangah (206). On the other hand, no witnesses were detained for so long a period in the districts of Beerbhoom, Dinagepore, Darjeeling, Bogra, Maldah, Jalpaigurce, and Mozufferpore. As in former years, the explanations regarding the detention of witnesses for periods exceeding three days have been considered by the High Court, and suitable observations made where necessary and communicated to the officers concerned. There were 129 witnesses detained for more than three days in Magistrates' Courts in Jessore, all but 8 of whom were detained by one Deputy Magistrate. This detention is attributed to the dilatory habits of that officer, for which and for other reasons the District Magistrate had to report him to Government.

VII.—PUNISHMENTS.

High Court. *Statement 5.*

§ 60. Of the persons convicted during the past year in trials held by the High Court on its Original Side, three were sentenced to death, one was sentenced to transportation for life, and 49 to rigorous imprisonment. Of the 49 persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, 3 were sentenced for terms exceeding seven years, 38 (of whom one was the European British subject alluded to in an earlier part of the Report) for terms varying from two to seven years, and the remaining 8 to terms not exceeding two years.

No fines were imposed during the year, neither were any realized.

Courts of Session.

§ 61. The sentences passed by the Courts of Session during the past two years were as follows:—

		1883.	1884.
Death		44	43
Transportation	for life	113	101
	for a term	44	23
Imprisonment	rigorous	1,255	1,311
	simple	22	16
Forfeiture of property		...	...
Fine		89	56
Whipping		19	28

Of the total number of persons fined, 49, and of those whipped, 18, were sentenced in addition to some other sort of punishment, and in the cases of 3 out of the 1,311 persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, that punishment was combined with solitary confinement; 18 were so sentenced on failing to furnish security for good behaviour.

Sentences of imprisonment were passed for the following terms:—

	1883.	1884.
Not exceeding 15 days	25	17
" " 6 months	149	164
" " 2 years	305	339
" " 7 "	727	745
Above 7 years	71	62

In addition to the persons already shown, 4 persons were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for terms varying from 2 to 7 years, in cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure: three persons were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, of whom one was also sentenced to fine, and one was so punished in default of security for good behaviour, in cases referred to the Sessions Judge of Burdwan for confirmation of sentences passed by the Assistant Sessions Judge of Bankura. The sentences of rigorous imprisonment were for terms varying from two years to seven years.

Sentences of fine by Courts of Session.

§ 62. The fines imposed by Sessions and Assistant Sessions Judges amounted to R5,460 in the past, as compared with R11,491 in the previous year. The amount of old and new fines realized during the year was R4,989, as

compared with ₨8,462 realized in 1883. The amount of fines realized and paid away by way of compensation was ₨174 in 1884, as compared with ₨849 paid away in 1883.

Presidency Magistrates.

§ 63. The following statement shows the punishments imposed by Presidency Magistrates during each of the past two years :—

		1883.	1884.
Imprisonment	rigorous	1,539	1,660
	simple	45	32
Fine		27,689	35,927
Whipping		154	91

Of the 1,660 persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, the sentence on one was combined with solitary confinement, and 4 persons were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for terms not exceeding one year in default of the security which they were required to give for their good behaviour. Of the persons fined 47, and of those whipped 11, were punished also in some other manner.

Besides the persons shown above, 3,987 persons were warned and discharged; 143 persons were ordered to pay hackney carriage fare; 112 workmen were ordered to fulfil their contracts; 80 persons were ordered to have their children vaccinated; 31 vagrants were sent to the Government Work house; 23 seamen were ordered to forfeit their wages; 11 deserters were made over to the Military authorities; and 145 persons were required to find sureties or to give recognizance to keep the peace, of whom 130 had been convicted of offences involving a breach of the peace.

Detail of Sentences.

§ 64. The following are the details of the sentences of imprisonment passed :—

	1883.	1884.
Not exceeding 15 days	354	278
" " 6 months	1,071	1,250
" " 2 years	159	164

The total amount of fines imposed during the year was ₨77,966, as compared with ₨88,540 in the previous year. The amount realized was ₨71,886 as compared with ₨78,039.

The details of the sentences of whipping passed during each of the past two years were as follows :—

	1883.	1884.
10 stripes and under	90	58
20 " "	58	33
30 " "	6	...

Sentences by Magistrates' Courts in the Districts.

§ 65. The following statement shows the sentences imposed in the Courts of the Magistrates in the districts during the past two years :—

		1883.	1884.
Fine	with imprisonment	4,194	4,149
	without "	80,911	75,619
Whipping	sole punishment	942	1,432
	additional "	97	128
Imprisonment	rigorous	21,163	24,596
	simple	932	820
Forfeiture of property		...	2

There was a marked increase in the number of sentences of whipping passed during the past year. Out of the 24,596 persons sentenced to rigorous imprisonment, that punishment combined with solitary confinement was passed in the cases of 51 persons, and 603 persons were so punished on their failing to furnish security for their good behaviour. Seven out of the 820 persons sentenced to simple imprisonment were so punished on their failing to furnish similar security.

§ 66. The following are the details of the periods for which imprisonment was directed by the sentences passed in 1883 and 1884 respectively:— Detail of Sentences of Imprisonment.

	1883.	1884.
Not exceeding 15 days	4,712	5,420
" " 6 months	13,678	15,413
" " 2 years	3,674	4,475
Exceeding 2 years	31	108

The following figures show in detail the sentences of whipping passed during each of the past two years:— Whipping.

	1883.	1884.
10 stripes and under	436	666
20 " "	458	688
30 " "	145	206

§ 67. The total number of persons sentenced to whipping by all the Criminal Courts in the Province was 1,679 in the past, as compared with 1,212 in the previous year, the percentage of whippings to other punishments being 1·1 in 1884 and 1·08 in 1883. The increase is contributed by all but 11 districts in the Province, and is most marked in the following districts:— Detail of Sentences of Whipping.

	Persons sentenced to whipping.		Increase.
	1883.	1884.	
24-Pergunnahs	65	139	74
Bhaugulpore	47	110	63
Lohardugga	24	84	60
Hazareebagh	19	66	47
Patna	60	106	46
Gya	68	107	39

The decrease in the 11 districts above alluded to was nominal except in the following two disticts:—

	Persons sentenced to whipping.		Decrease.
	1883.	1884.	
Calcutta	154	91	63
Backergunge	42	18	24

In Furreedpore no sentences of whipping were passed during the year under review.

The relative number of sentences of whipping, as compared with all other punishments, was highest in Bhaugulpore (5·51 per cent.), Chumparun (5·11 per cent.), Jalpaigurce (4·81 per cent.), Lohardugga (4·68 per cent.), and Hazareebagh (4·01 per cent.); and lowest in Manbhum (·15 per cent.), Calcutta and Bankura (·21 per cent. in each), Maldah (·26 per cent.), Backergunge (·27 per cent.), and Hooghly (·29 per cent.).

The number of convicted persons who rendered themselves liable under the provisions of Act VI of 1864 to a sentence of whipping was 27,123 in the past, as compared with 25,432 in the previous year. The proportion actually sentenced to that punishment was 6·19 per cent. The corresponding percentage for 1883 was 4·76. The proportion in this respect was highest in Bhaugulpore (18·93 per cent.), 24-Pergunnahs (16·2 per cent.), Jalpaigurce (14·81 per cent.), Lohardugga (14·31 per cent.), and Gya (14·07 per cent.); while it was lowest in Manbhum (·49 per cent.), Hooghly (·81 per cent.), and Bankura (·96 per cent.).

On the margin are given figures for each of the three years subsequent to the promulgation of Home Department Resolution No. $\frac{6}{55}$, dated 11th January 1882. These figures show the number of persons who rendered themselves liable to whipping, and the number of persons actually whipped, and would appear to

	Number of persons liable to be whipped.	Number of persons whipped.
1882	24,879	1,549
1883	25,432	1,212
1884	27,123	1,679

prove that the admonitions of Government were disregarded by officers during the past year to some extent.

Fines. *Table L.*

§ 68. The total amount of fines imposed and realized, and the amount paid by way of compensation, during each of the past two years, was as follows:—

	Imposed.	Realised.	Paid as compensation.
	₹	₹	₹
1883	6,11,797	5,44,942	37,217
1884	5,86,227	5,20,108	36,360

Reformatory School Act.

§ 69. One hundred orders of detention in a Reformatory School were passed during the year under review, as against 44 in 1883, and only 29 in 1882. The steady increase in orders of this class is obviously due to the opening of the new Reformatory School at Hazaribagh for the Western Districts of the Presidency; for they were most freely passed in Sarun (15), Hazaribagh (11), and Gya (8). Of the orders passed in 1884, 21 were passed by the Presidency Magistrates, 78 by Magistrates in the interior, and one by the Sessions Judge of Jessore.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

VIII.—THE HIGH COURT.

Appeals from sentences or orders. *Table P.*

§ 70. The number of appeals from the sentences or orders of the Criminal Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal instituted and decided in the High Court during each of the years 1882, 1883, and 1884, as also the number pending at the close of each of these years respectively, is shown in the following table:—

	1882.	1883.	1884.
Instituted	661	691	697
Decided	656	681	709
Pending	52	62	50

One of the appeals decided during 1884 was preferred in 1883 by a person convicted and sentenced by the Recorder of Rangoon. It is satisfactory to observe that the number of appeals decided more than kept pace with the increased number instituted.

Appeals from judgments of acquittal.

During the past year three appeals were preferred by the Local Government against judgments of acquittal. Of these, one was summarily rejected; and, in the remaining two, the judgments of the Lower Courts were upheld. The sole appeal of this nature preferred during 1883 was rejected.

Appeals from persons convicted.

Twelve appeals were preferred against the sentences of Presidency Magistrates; the orders passed in eleven were confirmed, and that in one was modified. One appeal against the order of a Deputy Commissioner was successful. The remaining 681 appeals were preferred from the convictions and sentences of Sessions Judges. The results of these latter are given on the margin.

Affirmed	571
Reversed	50
Varied	66
Remanded	3
Otherwise	2

Result of Appeals as affecting cases.

§ 71. The following statement shows the results of appeals as affecting the cases decided during each of the past three years:—

	1882.	1883.	1884.
Affirmed	543	569	585
Reversed	45	40	51
Varied	55	66	68
Remanded	9	4	3
Otherwise	2	2	2

The decisions of the Lower Courts were affirmed in 82·5 per cent. of the appeals decided in 1884, as compared with 83·5 per cent. in 1883.

§ 72. The following statement gives the results of appeals during the past two years with regard to the number of appellants concerned :— Result of Appeals as affecting persons.

	1883.	1884.
Appeals rejected	686	687
Sentence confirmed	224	227
„ enhanced	...	1[7]
„ reduced or altered	78	84
„ annulled or proceedings quashed	60	96
New trial or further enquiry ordered	4	8

[7] This sentence was enhanced under the provisions of section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, in the exercise of the Court's power of revision.

The appeals of 62 2 per cent. of the appellants were summarily rejected in the past year, as compared with 65·2 per cent. in 1883. The results of admitted appeals were as follows :—

	Percentage.	
	1883.	1884.
Order of Lower Court affirmed	61·2	54·6
„ „ „ modified	21·3	20·4
„ „ „ set aside	16·4	23·1
New trial ordered	1·1	1·9

IX.—APPELLATE COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

§ 73. The number of appeals preferred and decided in the Courts of District Magistrates and of Sessions Judges during the past two years, and the number pending at the close of each of these years respectively, were as follows :— Number of Appeals filed, decided, and pending. *Table M.*

	Preferred.		Decided.		Pending.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Sessions Judges	4,453	5,087	4,389	5,142	224	155
District Magistrates	2,339	2,655	2,299	2,653	144	144
TOTAL	6,792	7,742	6,688	7,795	368	299

The increase in the number of appeals preferred to the Courts of Session was contributed by all but eight districts in the Province, and was most marked in the following districts :—

	1883.	1884.	Increase.
Jessore	72	189	117
Sarun	89	181	92
Midnapore	145	212	67
24-Pergunnahs	165	228	63
Chumparun	92	153	61
Bhaugulpore	64	125	61

The decrease in the number of appeals was most marked in the following three out of the eight districts alluded to above; in the remaining five districts the decrease was nominal :—

	1883.	1884.	Decrease.
Mymensingh	415	275	140
Nuddea	198	122	76
Noakhally	76	44	32

The increase in the number of appeals preferred in Magistrates' Courts was contributed chiefly by the following districts :—

	1883.	1884.	Increase.
Mymensingh	124	211	87
Bogra	47	129	82
Maldah	80	143	63
Furreedpore	21	55	34
Howrah	32	66	34
Noakhally	116	148	32

The decrease in the number of appeals preferred in Magistrates' Courts occurred chiefly in the following districts :—

	1883.	1884	Decrease.
Tipperah	70	27	43
Dinagepore	105	63	42
Midnapore	107	75	32
Lohardugga	82	50	32
Dacca	147	116	31

The decrease in twelve other districts was very slight.

§ 74. The Sessions Judges of Dacca, Moorshedabad, Purneah, Sarun, and Hooghly, and the Magistrate of Bogra report that the increase in the number of appeals preferred to their Courts is probably due in a great measure to the withdrawal from the Lower Courts of the power to enhance sentences under the Code of Criminal Procedure. The Sessions Judge of the 24-Pergunnahs is also of the same opinion, but adds that the fact that there have been a number of riot cases (convictions in which are very commonly appealed because questions of right are supposed to be involved therein) may also have contributed to the increase. The very marked increase of appeals in the Court of Session of Jessore is stated by the Sessions Judge to be due, as far as he is aware, not to any increase in the amount of crime or to any increase in the proportion of convictions to persons put on their trial before the Magistrates, but to a change in the superintendency of the jail, the new incumbent carrying out to the letter the provisions of section 493 of the Jail Code, under which each convict as he was admitted was asked if he wished to appeal. Hence the number of appeals direct from jail rose from 46 in 1883 to 157 in 1884. An increase in the number of appeals to the Sessions Court at Dinagepore is attributed in a great measure to the investment with 1st class powers of a Deputy Magistrate, from whose orders appeals used in the previous year to lie to the District Magistrate. The fact that appealable sentences were passed in the year under review in the cases of 46,135 convicted persons as against only 44,976 persons in 1883 must have operated also in a very great measure to increase the number of appeals preferred during 1884.

Results of Appeals as affecting persons. *Statement 6.*

§ 75. The results with regard to the appellants in the Courts of Session and in Magistrates' Courts during the past two years are separately shown in the following table :—

	Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Appeals rejected	1,544	1,977	183	351
Sentences confirmed	2,923	3,530	2,213	2,431
„ enhanced	...	...	1*	...
„ reduced or altered . .	708	738	410	532
„ annulled or proceedings quashed	1,460	1,717	963	974
New trial or further enquiry ordered	75	27	35	64
Otherwise disposed of	...	3	1	11

* Either this person was incorrectly shown in the District Magistrate's Statement for 1883, or an illegality was committed.

The appeals of 24·7 per cent. of the appellants in the Courts of Session were summarily rejected in the past, as compared with 23 per cent. in the previous year. In the Courts of Magistrates, the proportion was 8 per cent. in 1884, as compared with 4·7 per cent. in 1883.

The results of admitted appeals were as follows:—

	Percentage.			
	Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Order of Lower Court affirmed .	56·54	58·69	61·08	60·59
" " " modified .	13·72	12·27	11·34	13·26
" " " set aside .	28·29	28·54	26·58	24·28
New trial ordered . . .	1·45	·45	·97	1·59
Otherwise disposed of . .	...	·05	·03	·28

§ 76. The number of persons who preferred appeals to the Appellate Courts in the districts was 12,214 in the year under report, as compared with 10,710 in 1883. Number of appellants. *Table O.*

§ 77. The proportion of persons who had a right to appeal and exercised that right was 26·4 per cent. in the past, as compared with 23·5 per cent. in the previous year. The ratio was highest in Backergunge (59·4 per cent.), Howrah (58·7 per cent.), Pubna (57·5 per cent.), and Chittagong (50·5 per cent.); and lowest in Singbhum (9 per cent.), Dinagepore (8·7 per cent.), and Burdwan (10·5 per cent.). Ratio of appellants to persons having the right of appeal.

The decisions of the Lower Court were affirmed in the appeals of 8,289 persons, or 67· per cent. of those whose appeals were decided in the past year. The proportion for 1883 was 65·4 per cent., and for 1882, 61·4 per cent.

§ 78. The proportion of unsuccessful appellants was greatest in Chumparun (88·8 per cent.), Hazareebagh (81 per cent.), Bankura (80·2 per cent.), Darjeeling (79·4 per cent.), Dinagepore (79 per cent.), Jalpaiguree (78·8 per cent.), Bogra (78·2 per cent.), and Manbhum (77·1 per cent.). In ten districts the proportion varied from 70 2 to 75 per cent. The districts where the appellants met with the greatest success were Moorshedabad (48 8 per cent.), Chittagong (52 per cent.), Nuddea (58·6 per cent.), Gya (59·3 per cent.), and the 24-Pergunnahs (59·8 per cent.). Appellants who were unsuccessful.

SUPERINTENDENCE, REFERENCE, AND REVISION.

X.—THE HIGH COURT.

§ 79. The following table shows the number of cases referred from the districts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal to the High Court during the past year:—

	Pending from 1883.	Filed in 1884	Decided in 1884.	Pending in 1884.
References under section 307, Act X of 1882	2	27	27	2
" " " 374 " " "	4	39	38	5
" " " 432 " " "	...	...	...	...
Total .	6	66	65	7

No cases of persons, who, though not insane, could not be made to understand the proceedings, were referred during 1884 to the High Court under section 341 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

§ 80. Of the 29 cases referred to the High Court under section 307 of the Code of Criminal Procedure on the files during 1884, 27 were decided with the result that in 15 the verdict of the Jury was reversed, and in the remaining 12 it was confirmed. Result of references under sec. 307, C. P. C.

Cases dealt with in revision under sections 435 and 438, Criminal Procedure Code.

§ 81. The following statement shows the number of cases relating to the Lower Provinces of Bengal with which the High Court dealt during the past year under its powers of revision:—

	Remaining over from 1883.	Filed in 1884.	Decided in 1884.	Pending at the close of 1884.
Cases referred under section 438	7	190	191	6
Cases dealt with under section 435	12	393	393	12
TOTAL	19	583	584	18

Of the cases coming before the High Court under section 435 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 362 were cases decided by Magistrates, and 31 were cases decided by Sessions Judges.

Result of revision as affecting cases.

§ 82. The following statement shows the results as affecting cases of the proceedings on revision:—

Courts whose orders were the subject of revision	Affirmed.	Reversed	Varied	New trial ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	TOTAL.
Courts of Session	16	7	3	1	8	35
District Magistrates	28	24	4	1	...	57
Other Magistrates	261	148	41	41	1	492
TOTAL	305	179	48	43	9	584

In 52·2 per cent. the order of the Lower Court was upheld, while it was reversed in 30·6 per cent.

Result of revision as affecting persons.

§ 83. The following statement shows in detail the results of proceedings on revision as affecting persons during each of the past two years:—

	1883.	1884.
Applications rejected	419	491
Orders confirmed	190	352
Sentences enhanced	5	5
" reduced or altered	41	71
" reversed or quashed	374	401
New trial or further enquiry ordered	71	62

XI.—SUBORDINATE COURTS.

Number of applications for revision filed, decided, and pending.
Table P.

§ 84. The following statement shows the number of applications for revision preferred and disposed of in the Courts of District Magistrates and of Sessions Judges during each of the past two years, as well as the number pending at the close of each of these years respectively:—

	Filed.		Decided.		Pending	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Courts of Session	905	1,342	895	1,335	43	50
District Magistrates	1,038	914	1,032	922	55	47
TOTAL	1,943	2,256	1,927	2,257	98	97

There was a considerable increase in the number of applications made to the Sessions Courts of Purneah and the 24-Pergunnahs. For the increase in the former no reason is assigned, but the Sessions Judge of the 24-Pergunnahs believes that the increase in his Court is more or less due to the fact that many more pleaders have taken to practise in the Criminal Courts.

Number of applicants for revision.
Table O.

§ 85. Including accused persons against whom applications were made, who are not now treated in the statements as "applicants for revision," the number of persons who applied for revision to the Courts in the districts was 4,053 in the past, as compared with 2,841 in the previous year.

The applications of 2,674 persons, or 64·7 per cent. of the total number, were rejected. The proportion in 1883 was 72·7 per cent.

XII.—FINANCIAL.

§ 86. In the Civil Report a statement has been given showing the total receipts and charges of the Appellate Branch of the High Court. On the Criminal Side the amount of Court fees realised during the past year was R2,449. An exact account of the charges on that side of the Court cannot be given. Including the salaries of two Judges, and of the officers exclusively employed in this Department, and a share of the salary of those a part of whose time is occupied by the Criminal business of the Court, the charges amounted to R1,38,127, as shown below:— The High Court. *Table S.*

	R
Salary of Judges	1,00,000
Salary of Establishment	35,628
Postage of covers, &c.	2,499
TOTAL	1,38,127

	R
Charges	1,38,127
Receipts	2,449
	1,35,678

The net result, as shown in the margin, is that expenditure exceeded income by R1,35,678.

The total receipts of the Presidency Magistrates' Courts during the past year amounted to R74,683, and the total charges to R52,437, the net result being a surplus of R22,246, against a surplus of R23,173 obtained in 1883.

§ 87. The following statement shows in detail the receipts of the Criminal Courts in the interior:— Courts in the Districts.

	Stamps.		In cash or special stamps.		
	Process fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Copying and comparing fees.	Miscellaneous.
	R	R	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts	1,90,357	2,46,401	5,17,302	56,264	1,43,792
Courts of Session	247	5,286	5,919	5,092	4
TOTAL	1,90,604	2,51,687	5,23,221	61,356	1,43,796

§ 88. The following are the details of the charges of the Criminal Courts in the districts:— Details of charges.

	Salaries of Judicial Officers.	Establishment.			Contingent.	
		Process-servers.	Salaried copying and comparing clerks.	Others.	Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed Establishment.	Other contingencies and refunds.
	R	R	R	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts	12,07,816	95,857	6,906	3,30,583	28,169	2,12,849
Courts of Session	3,37,770	3,009	666	31,078	2,558	20,467
TOTAL	15,45,586	98,866	7,572	3,61,661	30,727	2,32,816

The amount charged to the Criminal Department on account of the salaries of Judicial Officers has been determined on the principle mentioned in the Reports for previous years.

Copying Department.

§ 89. The following figures show the receipts and charges of the Copying Department of the Criminal Courts:—

	R	R
Copying and comparing fees deposited by parties		61,356
Deduct—		
Salary of copying and comparing clerks . . .	7,572	
Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment	30,727	
		38,299
Surplus		23,057

Besides the above surplus, "expedition fees" were also realized during the year. These are accounted for under the head "miscellaneous" receipts. The surplus obtained in 1883 was R19,619.

Process Department.

§ 90. The receipts and charges on account of the service of process in the Criminal Courts in Bengal are shown in the margin. The corresponding figures for 1883 showed a deficit of R3,423 in the Courts of Session, and a surplus of R93,645 in the Courts of Magistrates, or a net surplus of R90,222.

	Receipts.	Charges.	Results + or—.
	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts .	1,90,357	95,857	+94,500
Courts of Session .	247	3,009	—2,762
	1,90,604	98,866	+91,738

§ 91. The following is an abstract of the results for all Courts:—

	Receipts.	Charges.	Results + or —
	R	R	R
High Court. . . .	2,449	1,38,127	—1,35,678
Presidency Magistrates . .	74,683	52,437	+22,246
Courts of Session . . .	16,548	3,95,548	—3,79,000
Magistrates' Courts . .	11,54,116	18,81,680	—7,27,564
TOTAL .	12,47,796	24,67,792	—12,19,996

The excess of expenditure over receipts, amounting in the aggregate to R12,19,996, is common to all Courts, except those of the Presidency Magistrates, the Magistrates of the Purneah District, and those of the Sub-divisions of Chupra and Sewan in the Sarun District.

As stated in previous Reports, charges on account of leave or pension allowances, or expenditure incurred by other departments on account of the Criminal Courts, such as the cost of buildings, stationery, &c., have not been included in the above figures.

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Showing the total number of Offences reported, of cases struck off as false, and of true cases in 1883 and 1884.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of offences reported.		Number of cases in which complaint was dismissed.		Number of other cases struck off as false.		Cases returned as true.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of Indian Penal Code	6	2	...	...	1	1	5	1
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	2,869	3,333	279	344	188	224	2,402	2,765
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X	5,192	4,924	90	139	28	46	5,074	4,739
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	3,312	3,369	106	96	32	39	3,174	3,234
Offences relating to Coin, Stamp, and Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	492	439	7	2	8	5	477	432
Offences affecting the Public Health, &c., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV	8,595	8,604	48	42	21	36	8,526	8,526
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI	70,224	69,491	12,286	11,532	4,598	3,771	53,340	54,188
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII	79,179	89,174	10,328	10,553	6,250	6,776	62,601	71,845
Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	8,515	7,475	2,597	2,206	270	140	5,648	5,129
TOTAL OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	178,384	186,811	25,741	24,914	11,396	11,038	141,247	150,859
Offences under Special Laws	78,864	84,572	1,815	1,828	453	543	76,596	82,201
GRAND TOTAL	257,248	271,383	27,556	26,742	11,849	11,581	217,843	233,060

A 1.

Showing the total number of Cases brought to trial, with the Results of Trial in 1883 and 1884.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.		NUMBER OF PERSONS				Percentage convicted.	
			Acquitted or discharged		Convicted.			
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	2,097	2,514	3,106	3,474	6,078	6,797	66·1	66·1
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X	4,776	4,437	2,627	2,396	5,441	4,730	67·4	66·3
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	2,989	3,014	1,737	1,840	2,010	1,828	53·6	49·8
Offences relating to Coin, Stamps, and Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	443	414	193	187	417	335	68·3	64·1
Offences affecting the Public Health, &c., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV	8,342	8,404	722	779	11,639	11,347	94·	93·5
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI	27,710	26,869	21,570	20,795	18,764	17,586	46·5	45·8
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII	33,609	37,489	24,299	25,778	24,409	28,559	50·2	52·5
Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	3,372	2,799	2,961	2,659	1,537	1,050	34·1	28·3
TOTAL OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	83,340	85,940	57,226	57,908	70,385	72,232	55·1	55·5
Offences under Special Laws	66,868	70,072	13,224	13,078	79,367	81,228	85·7	86·1
GRAND TOTAL	150,208	156,012	70,450	70,986	149,752	153,460	68	68·3

B.

Giving details of Comparative Table A for each District.

DISTRICTS.	Number of offences reported.		Number of cases in which complaint was dismissed under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.		Number of other cases struck off as false.		Cases returned as true.		Percentage of cases accepted as true.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Backergunge	8,588	7,513	2,077	1,812	339	120	6,172	5,581	71·8	74·2
Beerbhoom	2,487	3,013	284	277	121	119	2,082	2,617	83·7	86·8
Bhaugulpore	5,411	5,021	359	240	511	594	4,541	4,187	88·9	83·3
Monghyr	4,254	6,145	194	379	221	330	3,839	5,436	90·2	88·4
Burdwan	6,293	6,053	987	470	187	175	5,119	5,408	81·3	89·3
Bankura	2,215	2,096	46	290	277	185	1,892	1,621	85·4	77·3
Chittagong	3,632	4,181	745	590	58	108	2,829	3,483	77·8	83·3
Cuttack	4,953	4,588	1,180	987	153	93	3,620	3,508	73·08	76·4
Pooree	3,794	4,467	677	468	60	108	3,057	3,891	80·5	87·1
Balasore	2,949	2,742	532	270	145	185	2,272	2,287	77·04	83·3
Dacca	9,145	9,555	1,575	1,597	174	86	7,396	7,872	80·8	82·3
Dinagepore	3,682	4,750	482	561	203	197	2,997	3,992	81·3	84·
Darjeeling	2,661	2,497	92	86	113	116	2,456	2,295	92·3	91·9
Furreedpore	7,021	6,326	598	1,000	130	170	6,293	5,156	89·6	81·5
Gya	6,325	7,685	355	189	328	461	5,642	7,035	89·2	91·5
Hooghly	8,701	8,528	1,071	1,167	327	330	7,303	7,031	83·9	82·4
Howrah	6,484	6,255	378	508	119	36	5,987	5,711	93·8	91·3
Jessore	5,727	6,319	406	606	182	235	5,139	5,478	89·7	86·6
Khulna	3,385	3,548	468	892	157	79	2,760	2,577	81·5	72·6
Midnapore	7,985	8,227	1,082	1,230	502	461	6,401	6,536	80·1	79·4
Moorshedabad	5,637	5,666	390	404	252	320	4,995	4,942	88·6	87·2
Mymensingh	12,353	11,574	2,389	2,108	336	446	9,628	9,020	77·9	77·9
Noakhally	4,191	3,941	400	418	99	40	3,692	3,483	88·09	88 3
Nuddea	6,117	7,745	921	614	398	295	4,803	6,836	78·5	88·2
Patna	10,693	9,244	235	350	330	405	10,128	8,489	94·7	91·8
Pubna	3,389	3,663	383	427	514	413	2,492	2,823	73·5	77·
Bogra	2,271	2,610	56	97	53	66	2,162	2,447	95·2	93·7
Purneah	5,047	5,318	811	633	98	112	4,143	4,573	82·08	85·9
Rajshahye	3,249	3,202	198	195	570	233	2,481	2,774	76·3	86·9
Maldah	1,862	2,113	324	469	421	461	1,117	1,188	59·9	56·
Rungpore	4,502	4,254	944	768	389	201	3,169	3,285	70·4	77·2
Jalpaiguree	1,897	1,591	252	187	87	119	1,558	1,285	82·1	80·7
Sarun	5,990	5,980	601	522	1,121	881	4,268	4,577	71·2	76·5
Chumparun	4,344	5,115	598	842	268	343	3,478	3,930	80·06	76·8
Shahabad	5,230	5,457	521	623	488	545	4,221	4,289	80·7	78·5
Tipperah	7,501	7,717	1,451	1,529	219	140	5,831	6,048	77·7	78·3
Mozufferpore	3,995	4,617	396	516	224	354	3,375	3,747	84·5	81·1
Durbhangah	4,701	5,297	166	314	177	335	4,358	4,648	92·7	87·7
24-Pergunnahs	18,006	16,029	1,243	1,150	845	776	15,918	14,103	88·4	87·9
Hazareebagh	2,597	2,760	522	299	200	473	1,875	1,988	72·2	72·
Lohardugga	2,937	2,852	562	234	87	103	2,288	2,465	77·8	86·4
Manbhum	2,552	2,453	605	346	245	158	1,702	1,949	66·6	79·4
Singhbhum	470	460	...	28	1	8	469	424	99·8	92·1
TOTAL	225,223	229,172	27,556	26,742	11,719	11,415	185,948	191,015	82·5	83 3
Calcutta	32,025	42,211	...	...	130	166	31,895	42,045	99·5	99·6
GRAND TOTAL	257,248	271,383	27,556	26,742	11,849	11,581	217,843	233,060	84·6	85·8

B 1.

Giving details of Comparative Table A 1 for each District.

DISTRICTS.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.		Number of persons				Percentage convicted.	
			Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.			
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884
Backergunge	3,859	3,877	2,698	2,823	7,071	6,619	72·3	70·1
Beerbhoom	1,260	1,487	697	770	1,011	1,285	59·1	62·5
Bhaugulpore	3,317	2,422	1,154	1,312	2,930	2,110	71·7	61·6
Monghyr	2,510	3,261	1,932	2,346	2,317	2,934	54·4	55·5
Burdwan	3,598	3,637	1,681	1,832	3,157	3,145	65·2	63·2
Bankura	1,406	1,146	741	720	1,257	917	62·9	56·
Chittagong	1,716	1,823	930	1,001	1,547	1,506	62·4	60·
Cuttack	2,378	2,123	1,336	1,301	2,513	1,939	65·2	59·8
Pooree	2,148	2,689	1,337	1,863	2,137	2,611	61·5	58·3
Balasore	1,637	1,544	913	755	1,349	1,455	59 6	65·9
Dacca	4,513	4,563	2,282	2,203	4,283	4,240	65·2	65·8
Dinagepore	1,898	2,872	1,150	1,110	1,571	2,470	57·7	68·9
Darjeeling	2,092	1,767	418	463	2,028	1,711	82·9	78·7
Furreedpore	3,342	2,526	2,095	1,762	5,511	2,565	72·4	59·2
Gya	2,929	3,464	1,571	1,595	2,524	3,013	61·5	65·3
Hooghly	5,523	5,259	2,467	2,323	4,490	4,074	64·5	63·7
Howrah	4,844	5,083	1,896	1,737	4,263	4,458	69·2	71·9
Jessore	3,002	3,122	2,374	2,448	2,504	2,651	51·3	51·9
Khulna	1,909	1,908	1,491	1,156	1,784	1,758	54·4	60·3
Midnapore	4,008	4,274	2,817	2,833	2.997	3,392	51·5	54 4
Moorshedabad	3,608	3,429	2,354	1,903	2,867	2,848	54·9	59·9
Mymensing	4,906	4,356	3,172	3,137	3,864	3,387	54·9	51·9
Noakhally	1,634	1,548	938	949	1,336	1,281	58·8	57 4
Nuddea	3,318	3,743	2,239	2,327	2,860	3,213	56·09	57·9
Patna	8,516	6,554	2,459	2,511	7,957	6,110	76·3	70·8
Pubna	1,626	1,707	1,249	1,433	1,626	1,634	56·5	53·2
Bogra	1,483	1,508	949	1,050	1,325	1,272	58·2	54 7
Purneah	1,886	2,040	1,085	1,227	1,569	1,689	59·1	57·9
Rajshahye	1,925	1,726	1,229	1,137	1,766	1,557	58·9	5[illegible]·7
Maldah	1,117	1,186	558	684	951	1,131	63·	62·3
Rungpore	1,884	2,047	1,274	1,379	1,561	1,666	55·	54·7
Jalpaiguree	1,242	1,015	647	637	1,013	784	61·	55·1
Sarun	2,893	3,225	1,744	2,166	2,717	2,535	60·9	53·9
Chumparun	1,915	2,064	926	926	1,524	1,707	62·2	64·8
Shahabad	2,933	2,900	1,774	1,685	2,600	2,605	59·4	60·7
Tipperah	2,862	3,061	1,905	1,722	3,040	2,947	61·4	63·1
Mozufferpore	2,162	2,519	1,273	1,471	1,873	2,031	59·5	57·9
Durbhangah	2,548	2,501	1,115	1,365	2,984	2,854	72·7	67·6
24-Pergunnahs	12,135	10,732	5,606	4,056	11,573	10,049	67·3	71·2
Hazareebagh	1,523	1,555	1,053	864	1,428	1,710	57·5	66·4
Lohardugga	1,781	1,800	1,102	1,011	1,817	1,900	62·2	65·2
Manbhum	1,154	1,269	702	860	1,116	1,302	61·3	60·2
Singbhum	302	281	85	90	307	268	78·3	74·8
TOTAL	123,242	121,563	67,418	66,948	116,918	111,333	63·4	62 [illegible]
Calcutta	26,966	34,449	3,032	4,043	32,834	42,127	91·5	91·2
GRAND TOTAL	150,208	156,012	70,450	70,986	149,752	153,460	68·	68·3

C.

Showing the Number of Offences of each class returned as true in 1883 and 1884.

DISTRICTS.	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII.		Offences, by or relating to, Public Servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to Coins, Stamps and Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting Public Health, &c., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against Property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total Offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under Special Laws.		Grand Total.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Backergunge	...	...	102	88	145	181	126	134	2	40	39	32	1,841	1,630	1,[illegible]82	1,327	221	242	3,758	3,674	2,414	1,907	6,172	5,581
Beerbhoom	...	...	15	8	17	29	27	35	6	4	27	29	306	808	612	943	81	62	1,591	2,008	491	609	2,082	2,617
Bhagulpore	...	...	23	27	74	97	69	68	6	4	44	53	890	833	1,224	1,955	22	29	2,342	3,065	2,199	1,152	4,541	4,167
Monghyr	...	...	51	32	76	166	76	134	8	10	42	34	924	1,010	1,390	2,241	56	98	2,513	3,725	1,226	1,711	3,739	5,436
Burdwan	...	...	63	46	103	98	54	53	1	4	37	33	1,406	1,719	1,283	1,513	136	136	3,083	3,602	2,036	1,506	5,119	5,108
Bankura	...	...	31	58	51	70	35	7	...	8	35	64	324	490	560	687	29	20	1,364	1,414	528	207	1,892	1,621
Chittagong	1	..	37	58	95	54	73	27	3	1	58	29	1,028	1,417	747	948	59	91	2,101	2,622	728	861	2,829	3,483
Cuttack	...	...	27	34	31	74	47	73	10	13	23	25	1,188	1,124	1,322	1,391	86	77	2,734	2,811	866	697	3,620	3,508
Pooree	...	...	19	22	35	73	38	101	3	5	23	63	728	837	1,307	1,715	102	106	2,255	2,922	802	949	3,057	3,871
Balasore	...	...	18	18	69	66	29	29	31	13	13	37	557	511	935	1,[illegible]12	45	52	1,697	1,738	575	549	2,272	2,287
Dacca	...	...	194	163	208	166	203	169	29	11	130	98	2,721	3,117	1,829	1,719	257	199	5,600	5,642	1,796	2,230	7,396	7,872
Dinagepore	...	...	21	18	116	156	73	54	3	6	61	15	720	704	1,468	1,459	35	48	2,497	2,460	500	1,532	2,997	3,992
Darjeeling	...	...	6	9	25	10	42	24	4	6	42	68	227	201	740	854	37	45	1,123	1,217	1,333	1,078	2,456	2,295
Furreedpore	...	...	103	123	502	349	79	94	8	9	76	111	3,379	1,827	1,545	1,637	265	152	4,956	4,302	1,337	854	6,293	5,156
Gya	3	1	75	43	194	242	101	67	3	3	10	18	850	996	3,112	4,055	50	59	4,906	5,474	1,236	1,561	6,842	7,035
Hooghly	...	...	47	46	150	117	62	59	21	12	61	40	2,142	1,981	1,643	1,779	227	175	4,353	4,249	2,950	2,822	7,303	7,031
Howrah	...	...	19	17	81	42	67	32	4	8	120	19	1,457	1,204	881	847	156	130	2,786	2,289	3,202	3,422	5,987	5,711
Jessore	...	...	67	147	206	207	113	109	10	6	173	60	1,758	2,070	1,976	2,042	177	213	4,180	4,854	659	674	5,139	5,478
Khulna	...	...	85	107	82	72	43	66	5	5	49	26	1,136	706	989	867	55	37	2,144	1,868	616	709	2,760	2,577
Midnapore	...	...	49	61	230	217	147	160	58	29	75	119	2,084	2,251	2,157	2,170	316	333	5,116	5,240	1,285	1,296	6,401	6,536
Moorshedabad	...	...	92	53	149	81	97	96	7	4	86	54	1,294	1,316	1,633	1,751	159	170	3,517	3,525	1,478	1,417	4,995	4,942
Mymensingh	263	233	606	392	168	159	25	15	24	18	3,191	3,397	3,763	3,966	454	362	8,493	7,943	9,028	9,020	1,135	1,077	9,628	9,920
Noakhally	40	45	91	130	96	65	15	8	27	18	1,789	1,666	801	868	150	147	3,109	2,947	683	536	3,692	3,483	6,836	6,836
Nuddea	69	93	190	194	113	133	21	13	77	98	1,329	1,565	1,964	3,484	93	94	3,956	5,674	947	1,162	4,903	6,836	8,489	8,489
Patna	34	55	70	40	71	71	10	19	63	37	1,185	1,158	1,997	2,283	56	63	3,486	3,726	6,642	4,783	10,128	8,489	2,492	2,823
Pubna	118	110	80	80	48	65	9	6	51	74	876	733	976	1,245	68	94	2,226	2,408	286	415	2,492	2,823	2,162	2,447
Bogra	62	67	58	27	47	31	7	10	37	26	471	499	1,017	1,248	95	137	1,794	2,045	368	402	2,162	2,447	4,143	4,573
Purneah	26	48	79	47	26	56	4	8	8	10	1,118	1,071	1,889	2,400	97	110	3,247	3,750	896	823	4,143	4,573	2,481	2,774
Rajshahye	58	63	61	47	48	88	6	10	30	34	483	583	1,306	1,628	60	51	1,972	2,454	509	320	2,481	2,774	1,117	1,188
Maldah	13	29	31	26	35	33	5	1	18	45	283	284	529	578	18	23	932	1,019	185	169	1,117	1,188	3,169	3,285
Rungpore	45	36	109	160	101	98	31	7	14	38	964	1,009	1,385	1,416	154	177	2,803	2,940	366	345	3,169	3,285	1,558	1,295
Jalpaiguree	20	19	30	15	31	14	1	6	34	13	327	313	685	678	54	53	1,182	1,111	376	174	1,558	1,295	4,288	4,577
Sarun	40	53	133	128	122	122	6	21	45	34	841	962	1,891	1,924	20	29	3,088	3,271	1,180	1,306	4,268	4,577	3,478	3,930
Chumparan	1	35	84	106	74	83	3	6	10	10	789	843	1,634	1,988	59	57	2,672	3,108	806	822	3,478	3,930	4,221	4,289
Shahabad	49	70	115	93	65	77	18	7	59	62	1,258	1,378	1,806	1,543	30	40	3,160	3,370	1,061	1,019	4,221	4,289	5,831	6,048
Tipperah	102	100	164	176	111	88	4	9	57	121	2,252	2,199	2,029	2,009	233	173	4,952	4,875	879	1,173	5,831	6,048	3,375	3,747
Mozufferpore	18	35	81	73	66	87	5	3	4	9	737	695	1,347	1,642	27	26	2,285	2,570	1,090	1,177	3,375	3,747	4,358	4,648
Durbhangah	35	28	41	62	59	67	9	7	87	100	674	606	2,038	2,818	41	33	2,984	3,714	1,374	934	4,358	4,648	15,918	14,103
24-Pergunnahs	76	83	145	174	150	171	29	21	180	315	4,779	4,336	2,706	2,547	947	545	9,012	8,191	6,906	5,912	15,918	14,103	1,875	1,938
Hazareebagh	12	11	66	61	33	39	7	10	24	10	374	343	984	1,138	33	16	1,543	1,628	332	300	1,875	1,938	2,288	2,365
Lohardugga	20	27	84	27	50	62	5	2	3	20	570	774	999	917	38	25	1,769	1,854	519	611	2,288	2,365	1,702	1,949
Manbhum	23	34	72	81	33	24	4	5	11	15	340	381	870	1,096	32	35	1,426	1,661	277	288	1,702	1,949	469	424
Singbhum	1	...	3	.	2	3	2	5	...	...	1	1	112	109	140	166	35	35	296	319	173	105		
TOTAL	5	1	2,398	2,442	5,041	4,707	3,139	3,192	446	395	2,067	2,135	51,551	51,726	60,750	69,852	5,394	4,659	130,701	139,139	55,247	51,876	185,948	191,015
Calcutta	...	...	114	323	33	324	35	42	31	37	6,439	6,391	1,789	2,462	1,851	1,993	254	440	10,546	11,720	21,349	30,325	31,895	42,045
GRAND TOTAL	5	1	2,402	2,765	5,074	4,739	3,174	3,234	477	432	8,526	8,526	53,340	54,188	62,601	71,845	5,649	5,129	141,247	150,859	76,596	82,201	217,843	233,060

D.

Showing in detail for each class the Number of Persons convicted in 1883 and 1884.

Districts.	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII.		Offences by, or relating to, Public Servants Chapters IX and X.		Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to Coin, Stamps and Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting Public Health, &c., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against Property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total Offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under Special Laws.		Grand Total.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Backergunge	...	...	279	212	143	160	81	54	1	36	34	34	571	513	524	500	29	27	1,662	1,556	5,409	5,063	7,071	6,619
Beerbhoom	...	...	54	36	12	27	14	19	3	8	62	65	223	279	195	331	12	9	575	766	436	519	1,011	1,285
Bhagulpore	...	...	92	93	86	84	39	39	4	4	51	60	271	323	498	771	6	18	1,047	1,382	1,883	738	2,930	2,110
Monghyr	...	...	210	124	104	131	42	73	5	11	79	35	302	265	516	699	8	18	1,265	1,356	1,052	1,578	2,317	2,934
Burdwan	...	...	167	110	123	116	15	28	1	2	29	51	416	521	440	525	28	19	1,219	1,372	1,938	1,773	3,157	3,145
Bankura	...	...	87	136	61	74	20	14	...	5	32	60	240	142	238	290	7	5	685	724	572	191	1,257	917
Chittagong	...	...	98	129	91	48	54	17	2	1	63	28	275	330	396	267	15	9	994	829	553	677	1,547	1,506
Cuttack	...	...	55	80	21	57	39	53	12	9	40	29	339	290	587	596	14	18	1,107	1,121	1,406	818	2,513	1,939
Pooree	...	...	30	109	18	45	22	33	3	3	29	62	203	260	695	1,16[illegible]	24	28	1,233	1,727	904	884	2,137	2,611
Balasore	...	...	31	52	74	79	16	15	31	19	11	59	222	22[illegible]	411	440	16	20	812	912	537	543	1,349	1,455
Dacca	...	...	486	378	218	133	130	94	69	4	150	103	919	608	874	881	36	20	2,881	2,511	1,402	1,729	4,283	4,240
Dinagepore	...	...	76	49	76	88	24	20	1	1	60	13	319	278	547	587	8	3	1,111	1,019	460	1,431	1,571	2,470
Darjeeling	...	...	16	15	21	13	22	15	4	3	45	61	152	88	477	440	12	17	749	652	1,279	1,059	2,028	1,711
Farreedpore	...	...	356	293	733	389	41	35	7	9	75	129	553	419	348	488	10	11	2,163	1,773	3,348	792	5,511	2,565
Gya	...	...	94	50	259	231	64	66	...	2	7	27	351	319	575	841	19	17	1,389	1,553	1,135	1,460	2,524	3,013
Hoogly	...	...	158	126	148	120	34	22	16	8	38	23	7[illegible]1	692	472	4[illegible]8	54	31	1,711	1,460	2,779	2,614	4,490	4,074
Howrah	...	...	48	54	71	28	33	22	2	6	143	19	437	449	430	492	20	43	1,184	1,113	3,079	3,345	4,263	4,458
Jessore	...	...	173	357	292	259	50	37	9		94	66	545	586	592	768	29	38	1,833	2,141	671	510	2,504	2,651
Khulna	...	...	174	179	57	61	35	23	1	4	47	31	348	278	276	319	30	15	968	910	816	848	1,784	1,758
Midnapore	...	...	146	213	221	251	71	76	74	26	100	160	464	511	827	1,040	48	35	1,951	2,321	1,046	1,071	2,997	3,392
Moorshedabad	...	...	256	177	133	91	42	38	2	3	93	46	470	469	506	765	34	33	1,626	1,613	1,241	1,236	2,867	2,848
Mymensingh	...	...	389	420	530	400	115	107	28	20	31	32	1,165	981	1,072	779	31	21	3,251	2,760	613	637	3,864	3,397
Noakhally	...	...	100	192	112	112	45	36	4	12	44	15	311	340	256	309	15	8	887	1,024	449	257	1,336	1,281
Nuddea	...	...	183	236	189	213	66	93	14	6	130	130	590	564	870	1,068	21	22	2,063	2,323	797	891	2,860	3,213
Patna	...	...	58	131	50	52	39	31	5	11	68	32	418	423	646	728	15	18	1,299	1,424	6,658	4,686	7,957	6,110
Pubna	...	...	282	211	103	72	35	51	8	5	114	107	306	243	413	435	13	8	1,274	1,132	352	502	1,626	1,634
Bogra	...	...	147	172	74	27	20	12	5	8	40	37	235	195	454	468	16	2	991	921	334	351	1,325	1,272
Purneah	...	...	124	90	59	40	20	33	2	10	9	10	246	243	695	853	16	17	1,[illegible]01	1,[illegible]90	468	393	1,569	1,669
Rajshahye	...	...	123	103	96	43	39	26	5	12	114	44	315	358	547	634	27	10	1,265	1,231	501	326	1,766	1,557
Maldah	...	...	28	91	43	34	38	20	9	2	26	51	223	252	401	490	13	17	781	657	170	174	951	1,131
Rungpore	...	...	73	47	130	185	69	57	27	1	14	64	433	408	545	602	31	16	1,322	1,380	239	286	1,561	1,666
Jalpaiguree	...	...	53	65	33	35	14	7	1	5	35	14	169	120	355	391	17	8	677	635	336	149	1,013	784
Sarun	...	...	109	99	95	118	85	93	.	5	57	41	428	395	743	674	8	20	1,625	1,436	1,192	1,099	2,717	2,535
Chumparun	...	...	56	74	60	85	49	61	2	8	7	4	203	179	621	732	11	6	1,[illegible]09	1,140	515	568	1,524	1,707
Shahabad	...	...	178	205	124	136	46	58	9	5	64	87	466	398	616	732	12	13	1,515	1,634	1,085	971	2,600	2,605
Tipperah	...	...	343	311	258	199	117	47	1	9	107	161	863	702	590	732	19	14	2,297	2,165	743	782	3,040	2,947
Mozufferpore	...	...	109	122	76	65	39	54	1	1	5	1	236	200	439	661	9	4	9[illegible]3	1,114	950	917	1,873	2,031
Durbhangah	...	...	46	53	49	76	34	42	5	...	163	184	162	157	478	900	9	9	946	1,421	2,038	1,433	2,984	2,854
24-Pergunnahs	...	...	169	232	138	128	66	110	17	18	184	349	1,934	1,417	1,142	1,325	643	236	4,323	3,815	7,250	6,234	11,573	10,049
Hazareebagh	...	...	12	27	61	71	34	23	5	7	47	20	253	292	623	822	16	8	1,050	1,270	378	440	1,428	1,710
Lohardugga	...	...	58	81	68	23	16	30	3	1	1	22	303	247	539	594	18	14	1,036	1,026	781	874	1,817	1,900
Manbhum	...	...	62	83	48	90	19	20	2	2	42	44	293	269	336	457	15	14	837	979	279	323	1,116	1,302
Singbum	...	...	8	...	1	3	3	5	...	...	...	1	72	62	43	79	15	20	142	170	165	98	307	268
Total	...	...	5,842	6,039	5,398	4,702	1,986	1,809	400	311	2,583	2,581	17,918	16,599	23,107	27,103	1,448	939	58,679	60,083	58,239	51,249	116,918	111,333
Calcutta	...	...	236	758	43	28	24	19	17	24	9,056	8,756	849	987	1,392	1,456	69	111	11,706	12,139	21,128	29,988	32,834	42,127
GRAND TOTAL	...	...	6,078	6,797	5,441	4,730	2,010	1,828	417	335	11,639	11,337	18,764	17,586	24,499	28,559	1,517	1,050	70,385	72,222	79,367	81,238	149,752	153,460

E.

Showing the Number of Cases brought to trial during the year, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of Session and the Courts of Magistrates in 1883-84.

DISTRICTS.	Courts of Session.						Courts of Magistrates.					
	Brought to trial.		Disposed of.		Pending		Brought to trial.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884
Backergunge	37	26	49	27	6	5	3,862	3,879	3,859	3,884	101	92
Beerbhoom	34	29	33	27	1	3	1,247	1,481	1,239	1,472	21	30
Bhaugulpore	36	47	30	47	12	11	3,325	2,423	3,302	2,441	64	44
Monghyr	34	35	30	34	7	8	2,510	3,264	2,493	3,247	74	88
Burdwan	30	37	31	39	5	3	3,598	3,638	3,579	3,612	70	86
Bankura	27	19	32	17	2	4	1,406	1,146	1,411	1,131	37	52
Chittagong	22	15	26	10	4	8	1,716	1,822	1,717	1,820	41	39
Cuttack	12	26	13	21	2	7	2,379	2,124	2,365	2,079	67	109
Pooree	12	20	12	20	4	4	2,150	2,690	2,115	2,689	83	81
Balasore	26	9	24	14	5	...	1,645	1,544	1,640	1,534	55	63
Dacca	69	52	61	61	20	10	4,515	4,576	4,499	4,590	131	106
Dinagepore	49	51	47	48	4	7	1,913	2,889	1,929	2,877	43	49
Darjeeling	7	15	6	14	1	2	2,094	1,771	2,082	1,776	25	17
Furreedpore	39	30	35	35	7	2	3,342	2,527	3,377	2,634	136	27
Gya	61	62	62	59	6	9	2,929	3,473	2,933	3,459	58	63
Hooghly	33	28	40	23	1	5	5,523	5,259	5,570	5,204	47	99
Howrah	27	29	29	30	2	1	4,844	5,032	4,895	4,994	71	104
Jessore	55	42	60	31	6	17	3,003	3,122	2,959	3,159	104	60
Khulna	25	28	24	28	1	1	1,909	1,908	1,875	1,918	92	80
Midnapore	72	69	87	70	7	6	4,009	4,274	3,952	4,325	175	121
Moorshedabad	38	38	42	36	2	4	3,612	3,431	3,614	3,393	86	123
Mymensingh	83	98	72	93	19	21	4,915	4,369	4,914	4,381	237	203
Noakhally	13	16	13	17	3	2	1,641	1,557	1,611	1,578	69	48
Nuddea	55	55	48	64	11	2	3,319	3,744	3,310	3,726	83	95
Patna	42	55	40	54	5	6	8,517	6,553	8,460	6,550	93	92
Pubna	30	37	25	28	7	15	1,629	1,711	1,657	1,649	49	105
Bogra	25	17	19	24	8	1	1,488	1,514	1,485	1,509	51	51
Purneah	31	39	30	36	3	5	1,889	2,045	1,850	2,051	75	66
Rajshahye	28	29	26	27	2	4	1,926	1,726	1,929	1,712	47	51
Maldah	18	17	18	15	.	2	1,117	1,195	1,092	1,200	51	46
Rungpore	52	43	50	38	5	9	1,884	2,047	1,895	2,051	40	33
Jalpaiguree	9	15	9	11	.	4	1,213	1,015	1,237	1,025	40	2[illegible]
Sarun	74	69	60	71	18	12	2,895	3,226	2,875	3,174	75	110
Chumparun	40	36	36	39	3	..	1,915	2,069	1,916	2,052	50	59
Shahabad	39	37	36	41	9	5	2,987	2,909	2,956	2,910	59	58
Tipperah	34	45	30	46	4	3	2,864	3 061	2,941	3,047	88	99
Mozufferpore	34	30	34	30	2	2	2,162	2,521	2,146	2,507	45	56
Durbhangah	32	48	33	46	1	3	2,551	2,505	2,526	2,516	70	1[illegible]
24-Pergunnahs	76	81	82	76	5	8	12,137	10,732	12 125	10,723	115	111
Hazareebagh	21	33	19	35	3	1	1,536	1,561	1,545	1,543	36	54
Lohardugga	20	22	15	20	6	7	1,800	1,815	1,825	1,776	39	75
Manbhum	19	30	20	28	...	2	1,159	1,275	1,149	1 260	36	51
Singbhum	2	4	2	3	...	1	303	288	303	277	5	12
TOTAL	1,522	1,563	1,481	1,533	219	232	123,358	121,711	123,152	121 464	3,034	3,083
Calcutta	63	53	64	5	4	3	26,966	34,449	26,971	34,440	39	4[illegible]
GRAND TOTAL	1,585	1,616	1,545	1,586	223	235	150,324	156,160	150,123	155,904	3,073	3 128

F.

Showing the Number of Persons concerned in cases decided under the miscellaneous provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code during 1884.

DISTRICTS.	Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter VIc and Section 485.	Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent breach of the peace.	Proceedings under Chapter VIII, security for good behaviour.	Proceedings against local nuisances, Chapter X.	Possession, Chapter XII.	Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XX, Section 250.	Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors, Chapter XXIII, Section 332.	Contempt of Court under Chapter XXXV.	Maintenance, Chapter XXXVI.	Forfeiture of bail or recognizance under Chapter XLII.	TOTAL PERSONS.
	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	
Backergunge	...	5,729	129	132	4	20	...	9	7	69	6,095
Beerbhoom	...	25	11	...	3	3	...	1	7	2	49
Bhaugulpore	2	53	15	2	4	21	...	4	2	12	111
Monghyr	...	170	85	27	11	23	...	37	4	56	402
Burdwan	2	152	23	105	9	17	...	4	37	19	359
Bankura	5	43	14	5	...	3	...	2	8	10	90
Chittagong	...	22	2	...	2	11	...	3	8	12	58
Cuttack	...	32	8	100	...	29	...	2	13	29	213
Pooree	...	41	3	...	...	18	...	4	9	60	135
Balasore	1	44	...	...	2	24	...	1	6	9	85
Dacca	...	181	37	6	2	71	...	22	21	53	391
Dinagepore	...	26	9	1	...	4	4	2	9	32	87
Darjeeling	...	6	1	...	...	...	1	...	3	9	20
Furreedpore	...	830	59	4	74	5	...	2	8	31	939
Gya	...	85	33	1	18	20	...	7	12	14	172
Hooghly	4	210	9	172	14	3	3	2	36	50	489
Howrah	...	203	10	18	2	12	...	...	14	56	313
Jessore	...	170	31	5	24	30	...	5	18	44	303
Khulna	7	360	17	10	2	4	...	1	3	73	476
Midnapore	...	259	34	4	9	32	...	8	33	93	463
Moorshedabad	...	107	24	1	6	8	5	2	31	29	207
Mymensingh	19	334	26	12	5	40	27	11	31	128	628
Noakhally	...	14	14	...	...	12	...	13	4	53	110
Nuddea	2	100	31	26	1	19	14	7	37	44	280
Patna	...	219	28	4	33	45	...	...	10	6	312
Pubna	...	384	34	...	7	16	...	7	33	75	549
Bogra	...	32	10	1	...	6	...	...	17	12	78
Purneah	...	42	8	...	2	14	...	5	3	35	107
Rajshahye	...	50	13	14	1	12	...	...	9	19	117
Maldah	...	23	1	...	2	...	...	...	8	32	64
Rungpore	...	56	47	4	4	31	...	4	13	51	206
Jalpaiguree	...	1	4	8	4	5	...	4	3	25	50
Sarun	...	121	105	1	18	33	3	38	17	28	346
Chumparun	2	25	13	...	3	22	...	15	2	51	130
Shahabad	5	59	53	48	15	47	...	1	27	30	269
Tipperah	...	363	35	180	7	26	1	3	19	26	653
Mozufferpore	...	60	14	3	32	56	...	2	3	6	174
Durbhangah	...	74	29	...	18	8	...	1	5	16	133
24-Pergunnahs	7	86	47	82	8	78	...	1	105	65	471
Hazareebagh	...	...	18	56	3	11	...	5	5	5	100
Lohardugga	...	27	7	...	1	5	...	4	6	15	64
Manbhum	...	22	44	...	...	3	...	2	12	21	111
Singhbum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
TOTAL	56	10,870	1,134	1,032	350	847	58	241	666	1,507	16,411
Calcutta	...	146	9	...	...	168	...	...	253	129	705
GRAND TOTAL	56	11,016	1,143	1,032	350	1,015	58	241	919	1,636	17,116

N. B.—Besides the persons shown in this Statement, there were seven cases for the restoration of abducted females under Chapter XLVI, Section 551, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which resulted in the discharge of five and conviction of two persons.

G.

Showing the results of Trials in the Courts of Session in 1884 (as affecting persons).

DISTRICTS.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Number per cent convicted of the persons shown in columns 3 and 4 added to those whose cases were referred under Section 374, C. P. C.
Backergunge	62	25	28	1	...	8	53·7
Beerbhoom	74	34	34	...	...	6	50·
Bhaugulpore	96	23	57	2	...	14	71·9
Monghyr	74	23	40	1	...	10	64·
Burdwan	77	40	31	2	...	4	44·4
Bankura	40	17	12	2	..	9	41·
Chittagong	30	8	5	...	2	15	38·4
Cuttack	34	7	19	...	1	7	73·
Pooree	38	8	17	...	..	13	68·
Balasore	33	20	13	...	...	...	39·3
Dacca	117	43	42	13	...	18	51·1
Dinagepore	126	47	51	2	...	26	53·
Darjeeling	21	10	9	...	...	2	47·3
Furreedpore	65	33	25	1	1	5	44·
Gya	119	39	56	..	...	24	58·9
Hooghly	42	26	8	2	1	5	23·5
Howrah	42	15	25	1	...	1	63·4
Jessore	63	25	16	3	...	19	43·1
Khulna	43	20	20	2	..	1	52·3
Midnapore	208	74	112	2	2	18	60·6
Moorshedabad	80	41	29	5	...	5	42·2
Mymensing	236	71	112	1	5	47	61·4
Noakhally	37	7	23	4	...	3	79·1
Nuddea	101	60	30	8	...	3	38·3
Patna	86	24	48	6	...	8	66·6
Pubna	86	27	21	...	...	37	43·7
Bogra	30	16	13	..	...	1	44·8
Purneah	62	14	39	2	1	6	74·5
Rajshahye	55	20	31	...	...	4	60·7
Maldah	52	23	26	1	...	2	54·
Rungpore	103	40	37	...	2	24	48
Julpaiguree	23	3	11	3	...	6	82·3
Sarun	142	48	74	...	2	14	60·6
Chumparun	73	33	40	...	...	...	54·7
Shahabad	73	26	37	1	...	9	59·3
Tipperah	106	43	51	4	...	8	56·1
Mozufferpore	40	17	20	1	...	2	55·2
Durbhangah	64	26	31	...	1	6	54·3
24-Pergunnahs	154	52	72	7	5	18	62·1
Hazareebagh	71	21	48	...	1	1	69·5
Lohardugga	64	28	20	1	1	14	42·8
Manbhum	65	12	49	2	...	2	80·9
Singhum	5	...	2	1	...	2	100·
TOTAL	3,212	1,189	1,484	81	25	427	56·3
Calcutta	70	13	53	...	1	3	80·
GRAND TOTAL	3,282	1,202	1,537	81	26	430	56·8

H.

Showing the results of Trials in the Courts of Magistrates in 1884 (as affecting persons).

DISTRICTS.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Number per cent. of persons entered in columns 3 and 4, who were convicted.
Backergunge	9,629	2,798	6,590	50	7	184	70·1
Beerbhoom	2,071	736	1,251	49	..	35	62·9
Bhaugulpore	3,539	1,289	2,050	81	4	115	61·3
Monghyr	5,509	2,322	2,894	69	4	220	55·4
Burdwan	5,172	1,792	3,112	70	17	181	63·4
Bankura	1,738	703	905	36	1	93	56·2
Chittagong	2,593	993	1,500	25	6	69	60·1
Cuttack	3,439	1,294	1,920	33	4	188	59·7
Pooree	4,677	1,855	2,594	34	8	186	58·3
Balasore	2,317	734	1,442	29	2	110	66·3
Dacca	6,646	2,157	4,188	100	5	196	66·
Dinagepore	3,722	1,063	2,417	150	6	86	69·4
Darjeeling	2,216	452	1,702	27	3	32	79·
Furreedpore	4,381	1,729	2,540	50	6	56	59·5
Gya	4,764	1,556	2,957	119	13	119	65·5
Hooghly	6,574	2,296	4,062	42	3	171	63·8
Howrah	6,324	1,722	4,432	38	5	127	72·
Jessore	5,229	2,423	2,632	57	11	106	52·
Khulna	3,064	1,134	1,737	38	2	153	60·5
Midnapore	6,394	2,760	3,278	181	9	166	54·3
Moorshedabad	4,932	1,860	2,816	79	3	174	60·2
Mymensingh	7,044	3,065	3,275	228	67	409	51·6
Noakhally	2,317	942	1,254	45	1	75	57·1
Nuddea	5,716	2,259	3,183	88	9	177	58·4
Patna	8,821	2,486	6,058	79	5	193	70·9
Pubna	3,296	1,405	1,613	80	14	184	53·4
Bogra	2,424	1,032	1,259	35	8	90	54·9
Purneah	3,042	1,213	1,648	66	6	100	57·6
Rajshahye	2,800	1,117	1,526	53	15	89	57·7
Maldah	1,920	661	1,104	62	2	91	62·5
Rungpore	3,122	1,339	1,620	80	3	62	54·8
Jalpaiguree	1,471	634	771	23	7	36	54·8
Sarun	4,891	2,114	2,461	109	18	189	53·7
Chumparun	2,723	893	1,667	75	10	78	65·1
Shahabad	4,400	1,630	2,567	69	4	101	60·7
Tipperah	4,875	1,678	2,895	101	3	198	63·3
Mozufferpore	3,621	1,454	2,010	40	8	109	58·
Durbhangah	4,358	1,339	2,823	68	20	108	67
24-Pergunnahs	14,330	4,002	9,974	147	14	193	71·3
Hazareebagh	2,651	843	1,662	74	3	69	66·3
Lohardugga	3,008	963	1,879	65	4	167	65·
Manbhum	2,287	848	1,251	71	3	114	59·5
Singbhum	393	90	265	15	4	19	74·8
TOTAL	184,530	65,724	109,793	3,039	347	5,627	62·5
Calcutta	46,240	4,030	42,075	65	5	65	91·2
GRAND TOTAL	230,770	69,754	151,868	3,104	352	5,692	68.5

I.

Showing in detail the Number of Persons who were awaiting trial in the Courts of Magistrates at the end of 1884.

DISTRICTS.	Criminal lunatics.	Number of persons				Of the persons entered in columns 3 to 6 under trial				
		In custody.	On bail.	On recognizance.	Otherwise.	Not exceeding one month.	Over one month.	Over two months.	Over three months.	Over six months.
Backergunge	8	40	91	45	..	162	12	2	...	..
Beerbhoom	1	8	23	3	...	32	1	1	...	...
Bhaugulpore	1	12	94	8	...	92	22	...	...	...
Monghyr	...	28	124	68	...	167	53	...	...	.
Burdwan	6	20	91	59	5	138	9	1	27	.
Bankura	...	14	75	4	...	71	22	...	...	
Chittagong	2	1	60	6	...	62	1	1	3	
Cuttack	1	11	108	60	8	134	37	...	13	3
Pooree	1	7	155	23	...	121	30	26	8	...
Balasore	...	11	96	3	...	102	6	2	...	...
Dacca	...	23	159	14	...	137	42	17	...	...
Dinagepore	2	8	72	4	...	75	9	...	...	..
Darjeeling	...	14	15	3	...	25	7	...	...	...
Furreedpore	1	1	32	18	4	46	8	1	...	...
Gya	...	34	66	17	2	87	7	14	11	..
Hooghly	2	6	134	28	1	139	9	21	...	...
Howrah	...	32	14	81	...	125	2	...	...	...
Jessore	4	12	83	7	...	100	2	...	...	...
Khulna	2	9	125	17	.	144	5	2	...	...
Midnapore	...	7	141	15	3	144	20	2	...	...
Moorshedabad	1	41	119	5	8	145	21	6	1	...
Mymensingh	14	55	320	17	3	309	86		...	
Noakhally	...	15	50	10		71	4	...	...	..
Nuddea	4	19	146	6	2	139	29	5		...
Patna	5	35	138	15	...	119	34	8	27	...
Pubna	2	16	134	32	...	130	30	22	...	...
Bogra	...	14	76	.	...	90			...	..
Purneah	...	4	95	4	6	64	21	17	2	5
Rajshahye	...	17	67	3	2	81	7	1	...	...
Maldah	...	3	88	...	..	87	4	...	...	...
Rungpore	3	22	37	...	...	56	2	1	...	
Jalpaiguree	...	1	20	15	...	32	1	...	...	3
Sarun	3	21	146	19	...	161	17	6	2	.
Chumparun	...	29	35	14	...	70	7	1		
Shahabad	1	15	58	27	...	89	8	3	...	
Tipperah	9	13	135	41	...	161	27	1	...	.
Mozufferpore	2	10	77	20	...	63	34	10	..	..
Durbhangah	2	16	61	28	1	91	15	...	...	.
24-Pergunnahs	15	9	125	38	11	139	33	6	...	.
Hazareebagh	...	5	31	33	...	67	2	...	...	
Lohardugga	...	28	88	51	...	158	9	...	...	...
Manbhum	...	23	82		1	102	12	...	...	
Singbhum	1	2	1	7	8	18	...	...	...	...
Total	98	711	3,887	871	65	4,545	707	177	94	11

J.

Showing the Number of Witnesses examined, and the amount paid as expenses in the Courts of Session and of Magistrates in 1883 and 1884.

DISTRICTS.	Number of Witnesses examined.				Amount paid as expenses.			
	Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.		Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
					R	R	R	R
Backergunge	373	308	15,926	15,527	416	111	461	677
Beerbhoom	234	256	4,209	5,228	562	771	193	298
Bhaugulpore	251	296	8,974	8,996	591	451	522	625
Monghyr	211	301	9,139	9,600	417	259	584	763
Burdwan	321	304	8,894	10,322	758	778	968	1,168
Bankura	355	182	4,653	5,106	683	194	566	724
Chittagong	246	79	6,472	6,155	965	303	615	577
Cuttack	107	152	7,933	8,136	110	489	632	329
Pooree	78	125	6,116	8,501	329	366	141	157
Balasore	274	128	5,839	5,286	302	153	526	353
Dacca	469	425	16,532	17,271	655	777	625	959
Dinagepore	424	461	6,356	5,534	366	347	446	374
Darjeeling	45	109	4,008	3,372	129	215	125	112
Furreedpore	237	261	9,340	10,295	234	756	131	275
Gya	394	375	9,995	11,395	355	311	339	133
Hooghly	261	154	14,901	16,022	625	178	1,206	649
Howrah	183	197	10,786	10,900	564	361	234	326
Jessore	360	273	11,362	13,860	413	285	891	943
Khulna	194	280	6,502	7,841	77	197	235	312
Midnapore	575	613	13,468	14,391	2,485	2,161	3,243	2,782
Moorshedabad	283	270	13,683	12,009	365	341	186	571
Mymensingh	671	928	21,380	18,818	652	814	168	145
Noakhally	130	163	5,529	6,300	429	308	310	471
Nuddea	266	373	12,613	13,850	744	1,092	537	999
Patna	163	351	11,056	11,497	458	502	378	341
Pubna	170	175	8,381	8,516	257	142	237	332
Bogra	101	128	6,162	6,402	13	77	266	157
Purneah	278	212	6,457	7,163	368	339	253	206
Rajshahye	142	217	10,170	9,404	72	333	338	403
Maldah	133	179	4,092	4,650	97	79	55	96
Rungpore	364	361	10,608	10,341	750	742	341	1,079
Jalpaigurec	79	97	4,450	4,259	63	117	284	181
Sarun	488	419	11,169	10,466	479	361	562	396
Chumparun	242	240	7,597	7,690	73	107	628	632
Shahabad	206	273	12,774	12,635	332	562	474	367
Tipperah	210	334	11,406	11,770	248	374	393	302
Mozufferpore	145	189	6,363	6,607	148	93	117	185
Durbhangah	124	195	6,540	6,876	53	12	320	315
24-Pergunnahs	636	542	24,308	28,180	1,843	507	901	1,115
Hazareebagh	171	327	6,335	6,666	66	245	342	421
Lohardugga	114	160	6,874	6,097	153	184	175	201
Manbhum	144	242	5,107	6,068	128	132	578	295
Singbhum	8	7	1,041	1,034	7	7	13	16
TOTAL	10,865	11,513	394,290	410,965	18,734	16,733	20,928	22,052
Calcutta	486	516	...	...	.	...	...	..
GRAND TOTAL	11,351	12,029	394,290	410,965	18,734	16,733	20,928	22,052

K.

Showing the detention of Witnesses in the Courts of Session and Courts of Magistrates in 1884.

DISTRICTS.	NUMBER OF WITNESSES DISCHARGED.							
	COURTS OF SESSION.				MAGISTRATES' COURTS.			
	On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.	On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.
Backergunge	128	183	149	57	12,957	3,942	1,041	651
Beerbhoom	35	68	39	246	6,348	707	101	...
Bhaugulpore	276	97	18	...	8,088	1,604	654	383
Monghyr	118	121	62	58	9,254	2,961	798	346
Burdwan	167	145	97	121	10,962	1,674	382	52
Bankura	78	68	29	65	5,119	767	134	22
Chittagong	32	24	4	92	6,733	1,736	136	9
Cuttack	80	48	35	76	8,123	2,251	542	289
Pooree	61	77	20	18	6,929	1,812	609	216
Balasore	61	55	7	81	5,097	1,048	347	103
Dacca	258	190	62	36	15,089	3,505	629	181
Dinagepore	438	105	75	34	5,524	547	103	...
Darjeeling	89	57	...	...	4,303	471	88	...
Furreedpore	112	82	77	194	13,443	769	340	509
Gya	178	265	91	43	12,126	1,311	159	15
Hooghly	56	27	10	106	17,924	1,362	112	7
Howrah	140	92	51	34	11,648	891	82	16
Jessore	318	50	26	...	13,040	2,849	724	129
Khulna	254	129	77	...	8,636	1,193	326	5
Midnapore	461	235	153	214	15,042	3,954	1,361	355
Moorshedabad	182	97	54	99	12,674	1,983	143	39
Mymensingh	836	199	51	128	16,067	4,706	1,186	91
Noakhally	113	44	18	150	8,151	822	131	93
Nuddea	93	111	30	403	14,395	1,351	279	17
Patna	151	84	124	86	13,841	2,022	298	51
Pubna	233	94	19	17	7,711	1,820	761	379
Bogra	239	...	15	...	6,975	682	106	...
Purneah	285	56	20	...	8,609	2,812	473	108
Rajshahye	98	30	100	180	8,467	1,491	437	36
Maldah	110	28	34	95	3,529	1,723	80	...
Rungpore	189	74	134	203	8,496	3,282	680	2
Julpaiguree	107	4	...	...	4,108	544	123	...
Sarun	353	95	27	62	10,529	2,230	467	73
Chumparun	266	49	32	...	8,352	1,271	219	96
Shahabad	260	91	51	97	13,729	2,483	523	86
Tipperah	438	65	13	...	14,546	3,464	867	207
Mozufferpore	197	58	5	25	8,108	571	53	...
Durbhangah	229	57	17	...	6,761	1,578	525	206
24-Pergunnahs	476	293	131	70	29,042	4,463	847	223
Hazareebagh	178	100	34	101	6,868	786	321	9
Lohardugga	28	29	11	169	6,415	318	61	19
Manbhum	140	73	66	32	5,321	727	206	92
Singbhum	4	...	...	3	964	146	84	78
TOTAL	8,525	3,849	2,068	3,395	420,043	76,629	17,538	5,191

L.

Showing the total amount of Fines imposed in the exercise of original jurisdiction by the Criminal Courts in 1883 and 1884, the amount realised, and the amount paid by way of compensation.

DISTRICTS.	Courts of Session.						Magistrates' Courts.					
	Total amount of fines.		Amount realized.		Amount paid by way of compensation.		Total amount of fines.		Amount realized.		Amount paid by way of compensation.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	155	190	497	451	100	...	15,806	18,746	14,362	17,268	1,353	1,358
Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,508	7,094	5,467	5,527	255	178
Bhaugulpore	300	40	300	...	..	..	18,518	13,165	11,225	12,003	172	293
Monghyr	20	...	20	...	...	...	8,299	10,053	7,180	9,789	243	211
Burdwan	300	...	...	5	...	...	8,735	9,921	8,355	9,615	1,148	834
Bankura	195	75	52	51	...	...	4,367	4,054	5,042	3,141	508	275
Chittagong	10	...	26	34	...	...	12,644	10,795	11,300	9,819	838	810
Cuttack	...	...	...	..	...	...	10,616	10,871	8,738	10,384	1,568	920
Poorse	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,842	8,890	7,721	9,633	572	871
Balasore	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,379	11,029	5,971	9,123	675	980
Dacca	2,450	70	822	328	...	92	37,073	35,302	32,983	29,896	1,020	1,018
Dinagepore	321	245	1,000	158	...	...	9,006	9,715	7,429	6,915	594	348
Darjeeling	...	200	...	200	...	...	15,352	10,116	12,662	9,553	330	170
Furreedpore	50	1	...	27	...	..	22,091	25,127	20,995	24,416	1,254	1,579
Gya	550	..	101	620	...	...	14,996	14,764	11,898	11,974	1,142	1,954
Hooghly	450	560	859	186	334	...	20,077	17,238	17,017	16,080	1,659	897
Howrah	500	...	...	...	...	...	19,499	17,954	17,294	14,251	800	664
Jessore	930	300	294	4	...	...	14,736	16,549	12,725	15,533	1,048	1,295
Khulna	150	1,100	43	28	...	...	8,488	9,702	8,167	9,876	1,061	884
Midnapore	2.5	75	149	34	125	...	16,433	14,661	15,840	14,125	2,165	2,270
Moorshedabad	5	194	55	71	...	71	18,794	13,490	15,328	11,485	815	955
Mymensingh	1,550	975	972	849	...	...	30,906	29,668	26,932	22,725	1,887	1,444
Noakhally	...	50	...	319	...	...	11,444	9,712	10,248	9,734	1,101	842
Nuddea	50	76	215	96	...	11	15,134	17,148	15,065	15,598	2,286	1,591
Patna	..	...	...	...	...	...	18,175	12,156	15,909	10,179	206	241
Pubna	...	...	165	47	...	...	8,430	11,746	9,998	8,562	909	964
Bogra	...	...	...	72	...	...	8,715	10,081	8,928	9,461	312	377
Purneah	50	...	50	...	20	...	16,941	17,160	12,911	10,361	1,216	1,061
Rajshahye	100	...	105	605	...	...	16,921	11,078	13,848	12,372	1,344	2,742
Maldah	20	...	...	20	...	...	9,013	10,449	8,778	9,229	573	489
Rungpore	520	..	145	...	...	...	15,666	14,465	12,597	10,450	1,568	1,037
Jalpaiguree	...	...	11	...	...	...	6,355	6,436	5,239	6,164	40	300
Sarun	550	..	659	41	270	...	16,195	18,712	13,522	16,560	287	945
Chumparun	200	...	12	...	...	...	9,731	7,353	9,323	6,607	213	172
Shahabad	...	210	...	210	...	...	16,521	14,498	15,660	13,738	351	337
Tipperah	240	100	309	353	...	...	17,343	17,358	16,392	16,134	912	1,011
Mozufferpore	200	...	300	50	...	...	9,334	8,163	8,271	7,656	861	432
Durbhangah	...	...	9	...	...	...	9,200	10,466	8,008	8,354	365	585
24-Pergunnahs	650	70	52	20	...	...	48,332	41,220	50,008	41,169	1,830	1,991
Hazareebagh	700	520	827	110	...	...	11,167	7,389	10,078	7,313	439	143
Lohardugga	50	200	413	...	...	...	8,884	8,743	6,718	6,994	489	531
Manbhum	...	200	...	...	...		8,670	10,775	7,478	8,464	850	317
Singbhum	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,571	957	1,303	808	79	360
Total	11,401	5,460	8,462	4,989	849	174	6,11,797	5,86,237	5,44,942	5,20,108	37,347	36,360
Calcutta	500	.	600	...	...	...	88,540	77,966	76,030	71,886	7,461	4,276
GRAND TOTAL	11,991	5,460	9,062	4,989	849	174	7,00,337	6,64,193	6,22,193	5,91,994	44,708	40,636

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Slowing particulars of Whippings inflicted in 1884 by the

DISTRICTS.	I.—In lieu of other punishments (Sections 2 and 3, Act VI of 1864).													II.—In addition to other punishments (Sections 3 and 4, Act VI of 1864).						
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		Total.	5 and under.	6 to 10.	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30.	Total.
	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.								
Backergunge	...	...	3	...	8	...	2	...	1	...	3	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Beerbhoom	...	...	9	...	4	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhaugulpore	11	...	11	...	30	...	36	...	16	...	4	...	108	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Monghyr	4	...	11	...	17	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	47	...	...	2	2	1	3	8
Burdwan	5	...	13	...	9	...	8	...	1	...	2	...	38	...	1	1	4	1	...	7
Bankura	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Chittagong	...	...	7	...	1	1	5	...	1	...	4	...	19	...	...	...	1	...	2	3
Cuttack	...	...	7	...	12	...	6	...	2	...	3	...	40	...	...	1	...	...	2	3
Pooree	3	...	7	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	1	...	1	...	...	2
Balasore	...	...	1	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	4	4
Dacca	4	...	11	1	6	...	4	1	3	...	3	...	33	...	...	1	1	...	2	4
Dinagepore	1	...	8	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	13	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Darjeeling	1	...	17	...	9	...	6	...	3	...	...	...	36	...	...	...	2	...	1	3
Furreedpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.
Gya	5	...	32	1	42	1	10	...	2	...	1	...	94	...	...	...	4	...	6	10
Hooghly	1	...	5	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Howrah	1	...	4	...	9	...	4	...	3	...	6	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Jessore	2	...	3	...	5	...	1	...	3	...	2	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Khulna	...	...	6	...	2	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	2	...	8	...	...	1	4	1	...	...	...	...	16	...	1	...	1	...	2	4
Moorshedabad	6	...	10	...	5	...	9	1	...	...	2	...	33	...	1	...	1	...	...	2
Mymensingh	1	...	6	...	4	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Noakhally	1	...	2	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	8	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Nuddea	6	...	6	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	4	3	22	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Patna	...	...	38	1	46	...	5	4	1	...	...	1	96	...	...	1	2	...	3	6
Pubna	...	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bogra	4	...	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	...	...	3	...	7	...	10	...	2	...	11	1	34	...	...	1	...	...	2	3
Rajshahye	...	...	11	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Maldah	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rungpore	1	...	14	...	15	...	5	...	2	1	6	...	44	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Jalpaiguree	2	...	9	...	16	...	8	...	1	...	...	...	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun	5	...	10	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	9	2	33	...	1	...	1	...	2	4
Chumparun	16	...	50	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	...	...	...	2	...	3	5
Shahabad	4	...	7	...	25	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	38	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Tipperah	4	...	10	...	6	1	9	...	4	...	...	...	34	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
Mozufferpore	2	...	27	...	9	...	12	...	...	...	1	...	51	...	...	...	3	...	3	6
Durbhangah	...	...	12	...	6	1	10	...	...	...	3	...	32	...	1	...	5	...	2	8
24-Pergunnahs	18	...	40	...	27	4	8	...	3	...	5	1	116	...	...	3	7	4	4	18
Hazareebagh	7	...	27	2	6	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	52	...	...	...	5	...	9	14
Lohardugga	9	...	20	...	24	...	17	...	3	...	3	...	76	...	...	1	2	1	3	7
Manbhum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	2
Singbhum	.	...	4	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	127	...	406	5	378	11	231	7	60	1	75	9	1,400	...	10	12	49	9	59	139
Calcutta	5	...	46	..	20	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	76	...	2	6	1	...	..	9
GRAND TOTAL	132	...	542	5	398	16	231	7	60	1	75	9	1,476	...	12	18	50	9	59	148

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Criminal Tribunals in each District in Bengal.

III.—Inflicted under Section 5, Act VI of 1864, on juveniles for offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.													Relative number of times whipping was awarded as compared with other punishments.					
of stripes.																		
5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.								
1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	Total.	Total number of whipping awarded.	Total number of other punishments.	Percentage of whipping.	Total number of whipping awarded.	Number of convicted persons liable to punishment under Act VI, 1864.	Percentage sentenced to whipping.
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	6,601	·27	18	476	3·78
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	1,269	1·26	16	293	5·46
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110	2,000	5·51	110	581	18·93
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	2,879	1·91	55	784	7 01
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	3,100	1·45	45	419	10·73
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	915	·21	2	207	·96
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	1,484	1·48	22	240	9·16
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	1,896	2·26	43	375	11·46
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	2,596	·57	15	1,171	1·28
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	1,445	·68	10	262	3·81
1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	39	4,201	·92	39	809	4·82
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	2,456	·57	14	1,290	1·08
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	1,672	2 33	39	407	9·58
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,565	...	...	240	...
1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	107	2,906	3·68	107	760	14·07
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	4,062	·29	12	1,478	·81
...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	31	4,427	·7	31	477	6·49
...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	19	2,632	·72	19	940	2·02
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	1,745	·74	13	339	3·83
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	21	3,371	·62	21	696	3·01
...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	36	2,812	1·28	36	667	5·39
1	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	6	22	3,365	·65	22	609	3·61
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	1,272	·7	9	273	3·3
...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	26	3,187	·81	26	469	5 54
3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	106	6,004	1·76	106	791	13·4
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1,628	·36	6	119	5·04
...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	13	1,259	1·03	13	249	5·22
2	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	43	1,646	2·61	43	847	5·07
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	1,543	·9	14	419	3·43
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1,128	·26	3	252	1·19
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	46	1,630	2·83	46	927	4·96
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	746	4 81	36	243	14 81
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	2,498	1·48	37	694	5·4
3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	83	1,634	5·11	83	626	13·25
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	40	2,565	1 55	40	471	8·49
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	2,911	1·23	36	2,162	1 66
...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	59	1,972	2·99	59	665	8·87
1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	42	2,812	1·49	42	677	6 21
3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	139	9,910	1·42	139	858	16·2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	1,644	4 01	66	746	8·84
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	84	1,816	4 68	84	587	14·31
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1,300	·15	2	401	·49
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	259	3·47	9	72	12·5
15	...	17	...	10	...	6	...	...	...	1	...	49	1,588	109,745	1 44	1,588	26,053	6·09
2	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	91	42,036	·21	91	1,071	8·49
17	1	19	...	11	...	6	...	...	...	1	...	55	1,679	151,781	1·1	1,679	27,123	6·19

M.

Showing the number of Appeals (Cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and Sessions Judges in 1883 and 1884.

DISTRICTS.	1883						1884.					
	PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates.	Courts of Session.	District Magistrates
Backergunge . .	209	123	191	135	28	...	219	112	234	111	13	1
Beerbhoom . .	47	19	48	17	...	1	50	18	50	19	...	...
Bhaugulpore . .	64	53	64	50	2	3	125	66	120	68	7	1
Monghyr . .	64	54	64	58	7	3	81	76	85	69	2	10
Burdwan . .	103	31	104	33	8	1	84	20	89	21	3	...
Bankura . .	44	8	52	8	2	1	48	2	48	3	2	
Chittagong . .	110	37	109	41	6	2	88	61	92	61	1	2
Cuttack . . .	102	31	92	27	12	4	123	14	126	15	9	3
Pooree . . .	74	43	69	39	6	5	87	48	92	50	1	3
Balasore . . .	40	43	40	43	2	2	60	42	59	40	3	4
Dacca . . .	362	147	334	147	33	2	385	116	413	111	5	7
Dinagepore . .	30	105	30	104	...	2	67	63	61	64	3	1
Darjeeling . .	21	9	22	9	..	.	49	10	44	9	5	1
Furreedpore . .	92	21	91	21	16	1	130	55	146	56	...	..
Gya . . .	158	71	156	34	4	37	152	85	151	110	5	12
Hooghly . . .	82	20	85	21	2	...	107	21	106	17	3	4
Howrah . . .	87	32	83	32	6	1	98	66	94	66	10	1
Jessore . . .	72	34	69	35	5	1	189	24	187	22	7	3
Khulna . . .	62	48	64	47	1	4	95	65	93	66	3	2
Midnapore . .	145	107	142	117	7	1	212	75	211	74	4	2
Moorshedabad . .	129	94	124	92	6	2	153	86	155	85	4	3
Mymensingh . .	415	124	433	120	1	8	275	211	271	214	5	5
Noakhally . .	76	116	76	113	...	3	44	148	42	148	2	3
Nuddea . . .	198	35	201	34	10	1	122	61	127	56	5	6
Patna . . .	189	71	185	67	6	6	201	54	202	56	5	4
Pubna . . .	129	40	129	35	1	7	138	57	138	64	1	...
Bogra . . .	46	47	45	50	1	3	42	129	43	124	...	8
Purneah . . .	33	50	32	44	1	10	61	73	58	74	3	9
Rajshahye . .	144	76	135	75	10	1	170	59	177	58	3	2
Maldah . . .	19	80	18	78	1	5	15	143	16	142	...	6
Rungpore . .	128	27	132	27	2	...	129	18	122	18	9	...
Jalpaiguree . .	12	11	13	11	...	1	35	17	33	17	2	1
Sarun . . .	89	98	89	97	3	11	181	110	182	103	2	18
Chumparun . .	92	12	83	11	10	1	153	30	157	30	3	1
Shahabad . .	159	93	163	90	3	5	166	118	159	119	10	4
Tipperah . .	171	70	175	72	1	2	191	27	191	26	1	3
Mozufferpore . .	73	14	72	15	2	...	81	25	79	25	3	...
Durbhangah . .	87	44	82	45	7	1	107	43	111	39	3	5
24-Pergunnahs .	165	35	160	40	6	...	228	56	230	53	4	3
Hazareebagh . .	40	29	40	30	2	1	41	40	42	41	1	...
Lohardugga . .	70	82	72	79	3	5	82	50	82	51	3	3
Manbhum . .	17	51	17	52	1	...	18	55	19	52	..	3
Singbhum . .	4	4	4	4	...	...	5	6	5	6	...	...
TOTAL .	4,453	2,339	4,389	2,299	224	144	5,087	2,655	5,142	2,653	155	144

N.

Showing the number of Applications for revision (Cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and of Sessions Judges in 1883 and 1884.

DISTRICTS.	1883.						1884.					
	PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Court.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Court.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Court.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Court.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Court.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Court.
Backergunge	62	55	57	56	5	1	64	62	67	59	2	4
Beerbhoom	12	2	12	2	...	...	12	1	12	1	...	...
Bhangulpore	7	9	8	9	...	...	16	10	15	8	1	2
Monghyr	8	39	9	38	...	5	22	35	21	40	1	...
Burdwan	10	29	9	29	2	1	33	22	34	22	1	1
Bankura	10	...	10	...	...	...	5	...	4	...	1	...
Chittagong	92	8	95	8	4	...	119	2	117	2	6	...
Cuttack	24	22	23	13	1	9	24	11	25	20	...	...
Pooree	8	11	8	14	...	...	6	6	6	6	...	..
Balasore	6	3	6	1	...	2	3	2	2	4	1	...
Dacca	64	65	63	71	2	...	117	48	118	48	1	...
Dinagepore	2	34	2	33	...	1	15	47	14	48	1	...
Darjeeling	...	3	...	4	...	...	3	4	3	4	...	...
Furreedpore	9	26	6	26	4	...	38	13	42	13	...	...
Gya	23	6	20	6	4	...	22	10	26	9	...	1
Hooghly	12	19	11	17	2	2	20	14	21	16	1	...
Howrah	4	44	7	45	...	...	6	26	6	22	...	4
Jessore	22	25	22	25	...	1	59	44	57	43	2	2
Khulna	8	...	8	1	...	...	22	...	22	...	...	...
Midnapore	80	18	82	17	1	1	76	16	77	17	...	...
Moorshedabad	23	8	19	8	5	...	43	8	45	8	3	...
Mymensingh	46	87	49	90	...	1	50	76	49	77	1	1
Noakhally	24	33	25	32	...	1	7	40	7	39	...	2
Nuddea	18	15	17	16	1	...	16	10	17	10	...	...
Patna	67	13	68	13	2	...	60	3	56	3	6	...
Pubna	15	5	14	5	1	...	28	6	29	5	...	...
Bogra	2	16	2	17	...	...	3	19	3	17	...	2
Purneah	19	35	19	37	...	...	52	26	50	20	2	6
Rajshahye	26	10	25	10	1	...	25	18	26	18	...	...
Maldah	...	26	...	22	.	5	5	26	4	31	1	...
Rungpore	61	1	60	1	2	...	72	...	69	...	5	...
Jalpaiguree	2	2	3	2	...	...	6	1	5	1	1	...
Sarun	17	88	16	83	1	12	21	93	22	95	...	10
Chumparun	12	10	10	10	2	..	13	20	14	20	1	...
Shahabad	4	69	4	69	...	1	6	46	5	46	1	1
Tipperah	49	23	50	24	1	1	59	23	57	24	3	...
Mozufferpore	20	32	19	35	1	1	43	18	42	19	2	...
Durbhangah	13	56	14	55	...	4	17	70	15	66	2	8
24-Pergunnahs	18	78	17	74	1	6	122	29	119	33	4	2
Hazareebagh	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
Lohardugga	5	8	5	9	...	...	12	6	12	5	...	1
Manbhum	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...
Singbhum	...	...	..		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	905	1,038	895	1,032	43	55	1,342	914	1,334	922	50	47

O.

Showing the number of persons whose cases came before the Courts of Sessions Judges and of District Magistrates on appeal or application for revision, with the results as affecting the orders of the Lower Courts, 1884.

DISTRICTS.	Appeals.				Applications for revision.			
	Number of persons who appealed.	Ratio per cent. of persons appealing to persons in respect of whom appealable orders were passed.	Number of applicants in whose cases the sentences or orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of affirmed to decided.	Number of applicants for revision.	Ratio per cent. of applicants for revision to persons in respect of whom orders were passed.	Number of applicants whose applications were rejected or in whose cases orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of rejected to disposed of.
Backergunge . .	508	59·4	318	60·1	134	13·8	291	74·8
Beerbhoom . .	104	20·6	78	70·2	7	·3	22	75·8
Bhaugulpore . .	286	42·1	181	64·6	34	·9	20	68·9
Monghyr . .	269	14·2	204	68·2	82	1·5	71	82·5
Burdwan . .	166	10·5	108	62·7	75	1·4	53	52·4
Bankura . .	102	40·3	77	80·2	5	·2	2	50·
Chittagong . .	241	50·5	125	52·	72	2·8	137	36·7
Cuttack . .	196	43·9	176	74·2	45	1·3	40	72·7
Pooree . .	286	25·3	188	61 8	16	·3	15	93·7
Balasore . .	168	20·1	114	71·6	10	·4	10	90·9
Dacca . .	727	30·9	484	64·1	192	2·9	142	66·3
Dinagepore . .	171	8·7	132	79·	69	1·8	47	70·1
Darjeeling . .	74	17·1	54	79·4	8	·3	4	50·
Furreedpore . .	310	33·4	233	68·1	75	1·6	110	73·8
Gya . .	323	17·2	212	59·3	39	1·1	48	80·
Hooghly . .	179	14·9	115	72·3	6	·08	42	71·1
Howrah . .	204	58·7	125	61·8	30	·4	29	51·7
Jessore . .	435	34·8	310	72·	94	1·8	87	41·6
Khulna . .	242	29·5	152	63·5	28	·9	28	90·3
Midnapore . .	453	41·1	325	72·8	69	1·	126	76·3
Moorshedabad . .	390	29 9	189	48·8	87	1·8	30	33·7
Mymensingh . .	754	36·	519	68·1	59	·8	173	70 6
Noakhally . .	274	29·8	179	67·	5	·08	39	70·9
Nuddea . .	300	20·5	173	58·6	22	·3	36	67·9
Patna . .	344	33·9	236	67·	155	1·7	81	54·
Pubna . .	343	57·5	246	68·9	63	1·9	64	87·6
Bogra . .	298	38·	230	78·2	11	4·6	15	68·1
Purneah . .	216	23·8	140	66·	91	3·	64	77·1
Rajshahye . .	347	34·8	254	71·5	55	1·9	39	69·6
Maldah . .	288	32·9	207	72·1	33	1·7	26	56·5
Rungpore . .	233	28·6	164	72·5	74	2·3	71	38·7
Jalpaiguree . .	74	18·9	56	78·8	15	1·	15	93·7
Sarun . .	455	31·	295	67·	115	2·4	128	79·5
Chumparun . .	249	36·9	239	88·8	35	1·2	38	82·6
Shahabad . .	486	45 6	302	65·2	69	1·5	60	88 2
Tipperah . .	312	42 2	221	64·6	76	1·5	226	77·9
Mozufferpore . .	188	28·7	115	62·1	89	2·4	66	76·7
Durbhangah . .	242	26·2	168	68·8	104	2·4	62	63·2
24-Pergunnahs . .	410	28·8	241	59·8	174	1·2	98	56·3
Hazareebagh . .	146	14·8	124	81·	2	·06	...	...
Lohardugga . .	236	27·4	163	65·9	23	·7	17	77·2
Manbhum . .	143	14·5	108	77·1	3	·1	2	66·6
Singbhum . .	12	9·	9	75·	...	...	...	...
Total .	12,214	26·4	8,289	67·	2,450	1·3	2,674	64·7

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P.

Showing the number of Appeals and Applications for revision (Cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the High Court in 1883 and 1884.

DISTRICTS.	Appeals						Application for revision					
	Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.	1883.	1884.
Backergunge	17	14	22	14	...	...	9	20	9	20	...	...
Beerbhoom	13	13	10	14	3	2	5	4	5	4	...	...
Bhaugulpore	17	22	16	23	1	...	15	16	16	16	...	...
Monghyr	12	24	12	21	...	3	30	22	28	24	3	1
Burdwan	14	9	15	9	...	...	15	11	15	10	...	1
Bankura	5	8	5	7	...	1	...	4	...	4	...	...
Chittagong	9	7	11	7	1	1	23	20	20	22	4	2
Cuttack	17	26	18	22	...	4	3	9	3	9	...	...
Pooree	3	...	3	...	...	...	3	1	3	1	...	...
Balasore	19	7	16	12	5	...	1	7	1	5	...	2
Dacca	34	22	35	21	...	1	25	34	24	32	2	4
Dinagepore	22	28	21	30	2	...	6	7	6	7	...	...
Darjeeling	3	3	3	3	...	...	1	4	1	4	...	...
Furreedpore	15	18	16	16	...	2	15	18	15	17	...	...
Gya	22	30	22	30	..	...	13	12	12	13	1	...
Hooghly	12	2	12	2	...	...	19	12	19	12	...	...
Howrah	5	10	6	10	...	...	12	8	13	8	...	...
Jessore	21	14	23	14	...	...	8	15	10	14	...	1
Khulna	14	20	12	20	2	2	5	8	5	8	...	...
Midnapore	30	30	31	33	3	...	21	18	22	18	...	...
Moorshedabad	14	14	13	15	1	...	10	27	10	27	...	...
Mymensingh	37	51	42	46	1	6	22	13	22	13	...	...
Noakhally	14	8	7	15	7	...	10	6	12	6	...	...
Nuddea	18	8	16	9	2	1	14	15	13	16	1	...
Patna	21	22	21	21	...	1	21	22	21	21	...	1
Pubna	12	15	12	17	2	...	16	11	16	11	...	...
Bogra	7	6	6	7	1	...	4	7	4	7	...	...
Purneah	15	14	15	14	...	...	9	10	9	8	...	2
Rajshahye	9	11	8	14	3	...	18	6	18	6	...	...
Maldah	10	12	13	13	4	3	3	8	3	7	...	1
Rungpore	24	13	21	13	4	4	34	25	35	25	...	...
Jalpaiguree	5	8	3	7	2	3	2	...	2	...	...	...
Sarun	41	40	37	45	5	...	17	26	17	26	...	...
Chumparun	17	16	18	16	...	...	9	6	9	7	1	...
Shahabad	20	22	21	22	1	1	11	12	10	12	1	1
Tipperah	16	27	19	24	2	5	13	23	14	23	...	1
Mozufferpore	19	7	17	10	3	...	16	25	12	29	4	...
Durbhangah	12	18	13	18	...	...	11	28	10	28	1	1
24-Pergunnahs	33	26	33	24	1	3	31	38	31	39	1	...
Hazareebagh	12	10	7	15	5	...	3	4	3	4	...	...
Lohardugga	9	9	9	9	...	...	7	4	7	4	...	...
Manbhum	8	19	8	12	...	7	4	5	8	5	...	...
Singbhum	1	2	1	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Rangoon	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	679	685	669	697	62	50	515	571	514	572	19	18
Calcutta	12	12	12	12	...	...	6	12	6	12	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	691	697	681	709	62	50	521	583	520	584	19	18

Q.

Showing the result, as affecting persons, of appeals and applications for revision in the High Court in 1884.

DISTRICTS.	Appeals.						Applications for revision.					
	Rejected.	Sentence affirmed.	Sentence reversed.	Sentence varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	Rejected.	Order affirmed.	Order reversed.	Order varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.
Backergunge	19	6	...	...	...	...	22	9	4	...	4	...
Beerbhoom	8	17	...	1	...	...	...	1	3	...	2	...
Bhaugulpore	21	7	3	1	...	...	9	6	11	...	1	...
Monghyr	13	9	2	4	1	.	44	10	30	15	...	...
Burdwan	10	1	..	...	...	...	5	6	6	...	...	...
Bankura	4	3	...	...	...	...	6	1	1	...	...	...
Chittagong	4	...	3	2	...	...	2	14	20	8	4	.
Cuttack	14	3	...	8	...	...	5	5	7	...	...	...
Pooree	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	.
Balasore	7	4	7	...	...	...	10	...	3	...	...	...
Dacca	20	9	...	3	...	...	21	4	39	1	1	...
Dinagepore	28	10	3	2	...	...	3	2	4	...	...	...
Darjeeling	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	2	...	...
Furreedpore	9	5	2	4	...	...	19	1	24	7	...	...
Gya	26	18	2	...	...	...	21	10	2	...	..	...
Hooghly	2	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	5	1	...	...
Howrah	6	3	1	1	...	...	1	...	6	1	3	...
Jessore	8	4	3	...	...	...	2	15	4	17	1	...
Khulna	7	5	6	6	...	...	5	1	13	...	...	...
Midnapore	45	12	15	4	...	...	13	4	5	2	2	...
Moorshedabad	21	1	1	2	6	...	18	5	38	3	9	...
Mymensingh	54	17	10	4	...	...	19	3	9	...	2	.
Noakhally	13	19	...	1	...	...	2	1	2	1	1	...
Nuddea	12	...	...	...	...	...	11	8	5	...	1	...
Patna	23	5	1	4	...	...	16	70	42	1	...	...
Pubna	10	7	10	2	...	...	21	2	2	...	3	...
Bogra	5	...	1	1	...	...	8	2	4	...	..	...
Purneah	14	5	1	2	...	...	1	...	10	2	...	...
Rajshahye	19	1	1	1	...	...	3	52	1	..	...	...
Maldah	5	5	5	4	...	...	13	9	1	...	...	...
Rungpore	10	4	3	3	...	...	15	24	13	2	7	.
Jalpaiguree	2	4	3	9	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..
Sarun	57	6	1	2		...	26	12	18	..	3	...
Chumparun	27	1	...	...	...	...	8	1	1	...	...	...
Shahabad	19	5	3	1	...	...	19	5	5	...	1	...
Tipperah	37	4	3	1	...	...	11	11	21	...	1	...
Mozufferpore	13	1	...	...	...	...	37	3	11	4	2	...
Durbhangah	12	2	3	1	...	...	30	3	14	1	6	..
24-Pergunnahs	26	10	...	7	1	...	26	11	13	3	8	...
Hazareebagh	17	4	...	1	.	.	1	5	1	2	...	...
Lohardugga	8	2	...	1	..	...	1	4	...	...	...	.
Manbhum	22	2	3	1	...	...	1	16	1	1	...	.
Singbhum	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Rangoon	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	678	234	96	85	8	...	484	337	400	74	62	...
Calcutta	9	3	...	1	...	..	7	15	1	2	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	687	237	96	86	8	...	491	352	401	76	62	...

R.

Criminal business coming before the High Court from the Lower Provinces of Bengal in 1884 (Appellate Jurisdiction).

Description of cases.	Remaining from 1883.	Filed in 1884.	Disposed of in 1884.	Remaining at the close of 1884.
Appeals				
By persons convicted: From the orders of the Presidency Magistrate.	...	12	12	...
By persons convicted: Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 34, Cr. P. C.	...	1	1	...
By persons convicted: Sessions Judges	62	681	693[1]	50
By the Local Government: From the judgments of acquittal of all Courts.	...	3	3	...
Total	62	697	709	50
References.				
Cases in which the Sessions Judge dissented from the verdict of a Jury, and referred under Section 307, Cr. P. C.	2	27	27	2
Cases in which sentence of death passed by Sessions Judges was referred for confirmation under Section 374, Cr. P. C.	4	39	38	5
Cases in which proceedings held against persons who cannot understand them are referred for orders under Section 341, Cr. P. C.	...	...	...	...
Total	6	66	65	7
Revision.				
Cases referred for revision by District Magistrates and Sessions Judges under Sections 432 and 438, Cr. P. C.	7	190	191	6
Cases dealt with by the Court under Section 435, Cr. P. C.—				
(1) Cases decided by Magistrates	8	362	360	10
(2) Ditto by Sessions Judges	4	31	33	2
Cases dealt with under Section 526, Cr. P. C.	...	...	...	...
Total	19	583	584	18
Full Bench References	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous orders in Court	2	30	31	1
Total	2	30	31	1
GRAND TOTAL	89	1,376	1,389	76

[1] One of these is an appeal from Rangoon.

S.

Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts in 1884.

DISTRICTS.	RECEIPTS.					TOTAL.	CHARGES.						TOTAL.	Results, plus or minus.
	In Court-fee stamps.		In cash or special stamps.				Share of Officers' salary debitable to Criminal Justice.	Establishment.			Contingencies.			
	Process fees.	Other fees.	Fines.	Copying and comparing fees.	Other receipts credited to Government.			Process servers.	Salaried copying and comparing clerks.	Others.	Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment.	Other contingencies and refunds.		
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	7,819	10,996	18,635	1,709	1,936	41,095	38,768	3,447	257	10,178	1,332	5,678	59,660	—18,565
Beerbhoom	1,964	2,512	7,030	357	5,102	16,965	27,401	1,744	20	5,953	117	4,134	39,369	—22,404
Bhaugulpore	2,989	5,612	13,127	2,633	190	24,551	39,952	1,824	40	9,304	1,316	6,203	58,729	—34,178
Monghyr	4,343	6,960	9,816	3,000	458	24,577	35,127	2,581	245	8,444	1,500	5,456	53,353	—28,776
Burdwan	5,536	6,243	8,786	1,605	4,695	26,965	46,041	2,161	95	12,038	802	4,132	65,269	—38,404
Bankura	1,596	2,435	3,192	618	2,267	10,108	20,973	946	12	7,866	306	1,762	31,865	—21,757
Chittagong	4,075	6,636	10,372	1,238	1,138	23,509	34,045	1,679	205	10,965	722	3,400	51,076	—27,567
Cuttack	1,600	4,568	9,665	538	296	16,673	37,286	1,486	...	8,901	266	3,435	51,324	—34,651
Pooree	1,310	3,093	9,189	469	700	14,761	24,681	839	...	5,076	233	1,434	32,267	—17,506
Balasore	1,372	3,004	8,308	529	221	13,434	20,207	504	...	7,381	266	2,390	30,748	—17,314
Dacca	14,067	11,617	30,011	2,638	1,823	60,176	49,575	5,156	251	10,431	1,258	14,233	80,904	—20,728
Dinagepore	3,153	209	7,280	375	2,594	13,611	30,824	1,691	4,740	469	160	3,477	41,560	—27,979
Darjeeling	359	610	10,117	104	590	11,780	16,102	513	...	810	42	5,328	22,795	—11,015
Furreedpore	5,865	8,749	24,323	1,642	1,072	41,551	42,911	3,020	63	9,611	821	8,232	64,658	—23,107
Gya	3,085	5,311	10,779	1,267	389	20,831	43,000	2,068	...	8,206	646	5,764	59,684	—38,853
Hooghly	6,872	9,388	15,675	2,581	663	35,179	49,889	2,547	30	13,069	1,290	5,422	72,247	—37,068
Howrah	3,889	6,336	14,551	1,290	1,191	27,257	35,685	1,340	...	8,606	645	5,266	51,542	—24,285
Jessore	8,048	7,959	15,824	1,915	765	34,511	33,019	4,405	65	11,402	943	5,347	55,184	—20,673
Khulna	3,094	4,727	9,462	1,067	1,147	19,497	24,523	2,145	35	7,508	533	3,265	38,009	—18,572
Midnapore	7,778	10,260	15,103	3,819	234	37,194	49,101	3,310	493	13,474	1,903	12,762	81,043	—43,849
Moorshedabad	4,356	5,743	10,741	1,407	195	22,442	35,194	2,350	4	14,494	703	4,207	56,952	—34,796
Mymensingh	9,955	16,471	27,530	2,876	1,758	58,599	57,767	4,903	23	11,490	1,382	6,073	81,638	—23,039
Noakhally	7,510	7,067	10,068	703	420	25,788	29,428	3,430	1	9,699	351	2,496	45,405	—19,617
Nuddea	5,575	6,011	14,329	1,747	3,015	30,677	66,947	2,785	26	7,981	760	7,589	86,088	—55,411
Patna	3,841	6,180	10,526	2,753	1,019	24,319	40,358	2,878	20	13,581	1,236	10,485	68,558	—44,239
Pubna	5,659	5,450	7,968	1,860	816	21,753	37,827	2,060	14	8,529	923	3,909	53,262	—31,509
Bogra	3,120	3,330	9,239	569	141	16,405	23,061	1,010	...	4,614	284	2,929	31,898	—15,493
Purneah	4,267	5,830	11,996	1,656	53,193	76,942	25,177	1,820	...	9,454	828	5,200	42,479	+34,463
Rajshahye	3,318	4,352	10,375	1,460	528	20,033	36,781	2,685	6	9,846	740	2,607	52,665	—32,632
Maldah	1,987	2,683	8,872	526	432	14,700	20,009	1,711	...	5,508	263	1,695	29,186	—14,486
Rungpore	4,813	6,131	9,609	1,210	674	22,427	39,882	3,462	64	13,536	581	14,798	72,323	—49,896
Jalpaiguree	1,473	1,757	5,864	439	31	9,564	19,074	1,318	1	7,616	220	4,007	32,231	—22,667
Sarun	4,465	8,351	16,051	1,737	41,913	73,027	36,956	3,264	17	1,214	863	9,620	51,934	+21,093
Chumparun	3,067	3,075	7,155	874	5,863	20,034	29,045	1,668	5	5,810	436	7,738	44,702	—24,668
Shahabad	6,089	6,908	13,994	1,738	43	28,772	45,967	3,821	19	8,749	828	4,061	63,445	—34,673
Tipperah	8,944	9,968	15,696	1,599	406	36,611	41,492	3,686	32	10,309	799	4,520	60,840	—24,329
Mozufferpore	4,842	5,920	8,247	2,062	373	21,444	39,999	2,388	20	7,728	1,031	1,230	52,396	—30,952
Durbhangah	2,755	5,716	7,930	2,052	4,555	23,008	47,246	1,136	84	9,873	1,026	3,536	62,901	—39,893
24-Pergunnahs	10,350	15,196	41,616	2,944	536	70,651	87,506	5,304	265	18,966	1,455	12,312	1,25,808	—55,157
Hazareebagh	1,371	1,788	8,063	402	183	11,827	25,887	672	...	2,405	234	6,435	35,633	—23,806
Lohardugga	1,677	3,250	6,560	817	36	12,340	38,807	1,428	240	3,266	425	5,824	49,990	—37,64
Manbhum	2,239	2,970	8,541	491	74	14,315	15,651	1,240	120	5,650	240	3,401	26,720	—12,405
Singbhum	156	227	448		121	952	7,655	194	...	1,619	..	530	9,998	—9,046
TOTAL. Courts of Magistrates	1,90,357	2,46,401	5,17,302	56,264	1,43,792	11,54,116	12,07,816	95,857	6,906	3,30,583	28,169	2,12,349	18,81,680	—7,27,564
TOTAL. Courts of Session	247	5,286	5,919	5,092	4	16,548	3,37,770	3,009	666	31,078	2,558	20,467	3,95,548	—3,79,000
TOTAL	1,90,604	2,51,687	5,23,221	61,356	1,43,796	11,70,664	15,45,586	98,866	7,572	3,61,661	30,727	2,32,816	22,77,228	—11,06,564
CALCUTTA. Presidency Magistrates		950	67,777	.	5,956	74,683	33,000	.	...	17,025	...	1,512	52,437	+22,246
CALCUTTA. High Court	...	2,449	...		...	2,449	1,00,000	...	...	35,628	..	2,199	1,38,187	—1,35,678
GRAND TOTAL	1,90,604	2,55,086	5,90,998	61,356	1,49,752	12,47,796	16,78,586	98,866	7,572	4,15,214	30,727	2,36,527	24,67,792	—12,19,996

IMPERIAL STATEMENTS.

Annual Statement 1—(Criminal).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising Jurisdiction in Criminal Cases in the Lower Provinces of Bengal on the last day of the year, the work done, and the Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts in 1884.

DISTRICTS.	Area.	Population.	Number of Sessions Divisions.	Number of Divisions of Districts (including Sudder Divisions).	TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS. Judges of the High Court.	Sessions Judges of all grades.	MAGISTRATES OF ALL GRADES. Stipendiary.	Special and Honorary Magistrates.	Number of Benches of Magistrates.	NUMBER OF CRIMINAL CASES ORIGINALLY DECIDED. By the High Court.	By Courts of Session.	By District Magistrates.	By other Stipendiary Magistrates.	By Special and Honorary Magistrates.	By Benches of Magistrates.	NUMBER OF CRIMINAL CASES DECIDED ON APPEAL. By the High Court.	By Courts of Session.	By District Magistrates or other Magistrates empowered.	Total Receipts of the Criminal Courts.	Total Charges of the Criminal Courts.
																			R	R
Backergunge	3,649	1,900,889	1	4	...	1	10	19	4	1	27	119	3,366	...	399	14	234	111	41,095	59,660
Beerbhoom	1,756	794,428	1	2	...	1	6	13	2	...	27	12	1,354	...	106	14	50	19	16,965	39,369
Bhaugulpore	4,268	1,966,158	1	4	...	1	10	28	5	2	47	11	1,630	...	800	23	120	68	24,551	58 729
Monghyr	3,921	1,969,774		3	...		10	51	6	1	34	6	1,972	...	1,269	21	85	69	24,597	53,353
Burdwan	2,697	1,391,823	1	4	...	1	13	114	10	2	39	48	2,157	...	1,407	9	89	21	26,865	65,269
Bankura	2,621	1,041,752		2	...	1	4	21	2	...	17	1	1,020	...	110	7	48	3	10,108	31,865
Chittagong	2,567	1,132,341	1	2	...	1	8	15	3	...	10	14	1,654	...	152	7	92	61	23,509	51,076
Cuttack	3,666	1,738,165	1	4	...	1	7	5	1	...	21	120	1,851	...	108	22	126	15	16,673	51,324
Pooree	2,473	888,487		2	...		7	10	2	...	20	42	2,441	...	206	...	92	50	14,761	32,267
Balasore	2,066	945,280		2	...		6	9	1	1	14	14	1,133	344	43	12	59	40	13,434	30,748
Dacca	2,797	2,116,350	1	4	...	1	10	28	4	10	61	69	3,563	319	648	21	413	111	60,176	80,904
Dinagepore	4,118	1,514,346	1	1	...	1	8	9	2	2	48	29	2,549	...	299	30	61	64	13,611	41,590
Darjeeling	1,234	154,351		3	...		5	7	2	...	14	3	1,183	66	524	3	44	9	11,780	22,795
Furreedpore	2,267	1,631,734	1	3	...	1	9	20	3	...	35	53	2,110	...	471	16	146	56	41,551	64,658
Gya	4,712	2,124,682	1	4	...	1	10	21	3	..	59	37	2,505	13	904	30	151	110	20,831	59,684
Hooghly	1,223	1,015,005	1	3	...	2	11	71	10	4	23	13	2,882	...	2,309	2	106	17	35,179	72,247
Howrah	476	635,381		2	...		5	76	2	1	30	98	2,049	...	2,847	10	94	66	27,257	51,542
Jessore	2,925	1,939,375	1	5	...	1	11	61	6	2	31	6	2,823	55	275	14	187	22	34,511	55,184
Khulnah	2,077	1,079,948		3	...		7	28	5	3	28	81	1,478	...	359	20	93	66	19,497	38,069

Midnapore	5,082	2,515,565	1	4	...	1	13	102	10	2	70	69	3,126	...	1,130	33	211	74	37,194	81,043
Moorshedabad	2,144	1,226,790	1	4	...	1	10	65	6	5	36	14	2,622	426	331	15	155	85	22,442	56,952
Mymensingh	6,287	3,051,966	1	5	...	1	13	46	5	1	93	33	3,606	...	742	46	271	214	58,599	81,638
Noakhally	1,641	820,772	1	2	...	1	8	11	1	2	17	33	1,376	...	169	15	42	148	25,788	45,405
Nuddea	2,755	1,655,721	1	5	...	1	11	64	14	4	64	2	2,676	47	1,001	9	127	56	30,677	86,088
Patna	2,079	1,756,856	1	4	...	1	9	35	8	4	54	8	2,060	...	4,482	21	202	56	24,319	68,558
Pubna	1,847	1,311,728	1	2	...	1	7	21	2	...	28	23	1,360	...	266	17	138	64	21,753	53,262
Bogra	1,498	734,358		1	...		7	16	2	...	24	41	1,153	35	280	7	43	124	16,405	31,898
Purneah	4,956	1,848,687	1	3	...	1	8	31	3	2	36	8	1,675	30	338	14	58	74	76,942	42,479
Rajshahye	2,361	1,338,638	1	3	...	1	10	16	3	...	27	3	1,527	45	137	14	177	58	20,033	52,665
Maldah	1,891	710,448		1	...		6	12	2	1	15	74	923	99	104	13	16	142	14,700	29,186
Rungpore	3,486	2,097,964	1	4	...	1	9	44	4	...	38	20	1,568	...	463	13	123	18	22,427	72,323
Julpaiguree	2,884	582,390		2	...		6	18	3	2	11	16	641	...	368	7	33	17	9,564	32,231
Sarun	2,622	2,280,382	1	3	...	1	9	16	2	...	71	53	2,562	...	559	45	182	103	73,027	51,034
Chumparun	3,531	1,721,608		2	...		4	5	1	...	39	24	2,010	...	18	16	157	30	20,034	44,702
Shahabad	4,365	1,964,909	1	4	...	1	11	32	6	1	41	13	2,165	47	685	22	159	119	28,772	63,445
Tipperah	2,491	1,519,338	1	3	...	1	8	23	3	2	46	38	2,724	...	285	24	191	26	36,511	60,840
Mozufferpore	3,003	2,582,060	1	3	...	1	11	46	6	1	30	3	2,184	...	320	10	79	25	21,444	52,096
Durbhangah	3,335	2,633,447		3	...		9	51	7	...	46	33	2,048	.	435	18	111	39	23,008	62,901
24-Pergunnahs	3,007	1,618,420	1	7	...	2	19	130	9	4	76	...	7,969	149	2,605	24	230	53	70,651	1,25,808
Hazareebagh	7,021	1,104,742	1	2	...	1	9	...	...		35	31	1,512	...	...	15	42	41	11,827	35,633
Lohardugga	12,045	1,609,244		2	...		10	1	1	1	20	65	1,645	13	53	9	82	51	12,349	49,990
Manbhum	4,147	1,058,228		2	...		9	2	...	2	28	40	1,029	191	...	12	19	52	14,315	26,720
Singbhum	3,753	453,775		1	...		3	2	1	1	3	104	125	...	48	2	5	6	952	9,998
TOTAL	138,834	64,178,305	28	129	...	31	376	1,394	172	64	1,533	1,524	90,006	1,879	28,055	696	5,142	2,653	11,70,664	22,77,328
Calcutta	8	433,219	1	2	12	.	2	92	2	53	...	...	23,174	...	11,261	12	...	...	77,132	1,90,564
GRAND TOTAL	138,842	64,611,524	29	131	12	31*	378	1,486	174	117	1,533	1,524	1,13,185	1,879	39,316	708	5,142	2,653	12,47,796	24,67,792

* The number of officers is 30 only, as the Additional Sessions Judge of the 24-Pergunnahs, who is also the Additional Sessions Judge of Hooghly, is entered twice.

Annual Statement 2—(Criminal).

Statement of Offences reported, and of Persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each offence in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1884.

Nomenclature of Offences, with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of head of crime.	Number of Cases.					Number of Persons				
		Offences reported.	Complaints dismissed under Section 203, C. P. C.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.
I.—Offences under the Penal Code.											
Offences against the State.											
Chapter VI, Sections 121 to 130	1	...	...	..	..			...	...	..	.
Offences against the Army and Navy.											
Chapter VII, Sections 131 to 140	2	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...		..
Offences against the public tranquillity.											
Chapter VIII, Sections 143 to 145, 149 to 151, 157, 158.—Unlawful assembly	3	1,112	200	90	822	684	3,037	1,077	1,724	4	232
" " " 147, 148, 152, and 153 to 156—Rioting, &c.	4	1,814	143	133	1,538	1,430	7,172	2,282	4,112	22	756
" " Section 160—Affray	5	407	1	1	405	400	1,076	115	961	..	.
Offences by, or relating to, public servants.											
Chapter IX, Sections 161 to 169—By public servants	6	160	23	6	131	121	167	120	44	...	3
" " 161, 170 and 171—Relating to public servants	7	166	5	3	158	152	199	77	118		4
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants.											
Chapter X, Sections 172 to 190	8	4,598	111	37	4,450	4,164	6,932	2,199	4,568	23	142
False evidence and offences against public officers.											
Chapter XI, Sections 193 to 200—False evidence, subornation, &c., of public servants	9	699	14	3	682	655	898	434	385	9	65
" " " 201 to 229—Offences against public justice	10	2,670	82	36	2,552	2,359	3,006	1,406	1,443	19	138
Offences relating to coin and Government stamps.											
Chapter XII, Sections 231 to 254—Offences relating to coin	11	129	1	4	124	121	159	72	86	...	1
" " " 255 to 263—Offences relating to stamps	12	11	...	.	11	10	15	5	10	.	...
Offences relating to weights and measures.											
Chapter XIII, Sections 264 to 267	13	299	1	1	297	283	365	110	239	1	15

Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency, and morals.											
Chapter XIV, Sections 269 to 278—Offences affecting public health	14	346	20	8	318	289	599	143	455	1	...
" " " 279 to 289 " " safety	15	916	11	19	886	840	1,126	240	877	3	6
" " " 290 and 291 " " convenience	16	6,982	1	9	6,972	6,944	9,882	281	9,599	...	2
" " " 292 to 294 " " decency and morals	17	304	1	...	303	289	469	91	376	...	2
" " Section 294 A—Keeping lottery office or publishing proposals for lottery	17a	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to religion.											
Chapter XV, Sections 295 to 298	18	54	9	...	45	42	65	24	40	1	...
Offences affecting the human body.											
Chapter XVI, Sections 302 and 303—Murder	19	319	2	33	284	251	665	385	132	9	138
" " Section 307—Attempt at murder	20	57	...	6	51	43	59	21	22	...	16
" " " 304—Culpable homicide	21	253	2	27	224	208	579	325	136	7	111
" " " 304A—Causing death by rash or negligent act	21a	74	1	2	71	69	86	47	38	...	1
" " " 308—Attempt at culpable homicide	22	7	...	1	6	4	3	...	3	...	...
" " Sections 305 and 306—Abetment of suicide	23	10	2	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Section 309—Attempted suicide	24	408	7	19	382	321	334	71	242	9	12
" " " 311—Thuggee, &c.	25	2	..	..	2	2	2	1	1	...	...
" " Sections 312 to 315—Causing miscarriage	26	62	9	9	44	37	55	47	6	2	...
" " Section 316—Injury to unborn children	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 317—Exposure of infants	28	71	2	3	66	48	62	31	27	1	3
Attempt	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	..	...	...
" " " 318—Concealment of birth by secret disposal of dead body	29	64	1	6	57	41	44	12	32	...	...
" " Sections 325 to 331 and 333—Hurt with aggravating circumstances	30	983	19	42	922	798	1,524	568	807	6	143
" " " 323, 324, 332, and 334 to 338—Other cases	31	11,505	1,624	439	9,442	5,242	8,191	3,959	3,974	12	246
Attempt	...	1	...	...	1	1	4	...	4	...	...
" " Section 341—Wrongful restraint	32	1,485	260	86	1,139	725	1,202	707	456	2	37
" " Sections 342 to 348—Wrongful confinement	33	2,810	641	364	1,805	1,248	2,426	1,628	680	5	113
Attempt	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 352 to 358—Criminal force or assault	34	50,626	8,837	2,600	39,189	17,434	23,918	12,542	10,889	20	467
" " Sections 364, 366, 367—Kidnapping or forcible abduction with aggravating circumstances	35	98	22	13	63	47	90	74	13	...	3
" " " 363, 365, 368, and 369—Other cases	36	297	80	46	171	129	235	156	54	6	19
" " " 370 and 371—Slavery	37	6	2	...	4	2	2	2	...	...	...

Statement of Offences reported, and of Persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each offence in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1884—contd.

Nomenclature of Offences, with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law Applicable.	Number of head of crime.	Number of Cases.					Number of Persons				
		Offences reported.	Complaints dismissed under Section 203, C. P. C.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.
Offences affecting the human body—contd.											
Chapter XVI, Sections 372 and 373—Buying or selling a minor for the purpose of prostitution	38	31	5	...	26	23	41	21	17	...	3
" " Section 374—Forced labour	39	7	1	.	6	6	11	6	5	...	
" " " 376—Rape	40	239	14	63	162	132	186	141	33	...	12
" " " 377—Unnatural offence	41	74	.	12	62	57	68	50	15	.	3
Offences against property.											
Chapter XVII, Section 382—Theft with aggravating circumstances	42	10	...	1	9	7	20	15	5	...	...
" " Sections 379 to 381 and 461—Other cases	43	36,887	3,725	4,008	29,159	18,689	27,501	11,141	15,044	45	1,271
Attempt	...	17	...	...	17	11	19	2	17		...
" " " 386 to 389—Extortion with aggravating circumstances	44	4	1	...	3	2	7	2	5	..	.
" " " 384 and 385—Other cases	45	1,248	408	44	796	517	752	520	171	2	59
" " Section 394— Robbery — With hurt	46	23	3	1	19	9	20	11	4	...	5
" " " 392— Robbery — Other cases	47	220	9	51	160	111	211	108	89	...	14
" " " 393— Robbery — Attempts	48	4	1	1	2	1	2	...	2	.	
" " " 396— Dacoity — With murder	49	3	...	..	3	3	12	10		1	1
" " " 397— Dacoity — With attempt to cause death or grievous hurt	50	5	...	1	4	2	11	...	3	...	10
" " " 398— Dacoity — Attempted robbery or dacoity when armed with deadly weapons.	51	11	1	1	9	6	10	6	4	...	
" " Sections 395, 399, 400, and 402— Dacoity — Other cases	52	219	1	47	171	120	620	374	135	12	96
" " " 403 and 404—Criminal misappropriation of property	53	884	230	16	638	476	679	307	343	2	27
Attempt	.	1	...	.	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
" " " 406 to 409—Criminal breach of trust	54	2,947	808	191	1,948	1,447	1,782	1,060	628	13	81
" " " 411 to 414—Receiving or habitually dealing in stolen or plundered property	55	2,472	15	75	2,382	2,263	3,984	1,259	2,547	14	165
" " " 417 to 420—Cheating	56	1,953	726	47	1,180	816	1,042	687	313	2	40
Attempt		1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	.
" " " 421 to 424—Fraudulent deeds or disposition of property	57	19	2	1	16	14	21	16	5	..	[illegible]

" , 429 to 433 and 435 to 440— Mischief	With aggravating circumstances	58	1,639	138	196	1,305	918	1,531	813	632	2	84
	Attempt	...	15	...	...	15	15	18	2	15	...	1
, 426 to 428 and 434— Mischief	Other cases	59	6,944	1,696	242	5,006	2,694	3,936	2,249	1,533	8	146
	Attempt	...	5	...	..	5	5	6	1	5	...	...
" " 459 and 460— Criminal trespass.	Resulting in death or grievous hurt	60	47	...	6	41	37	42	17	23	...	2
" , 449 to 452, 454, 455, 457, and 458— Criminal trespass.	For commission of serious offences	61	19,962	154	1,113	18,695	2,749	4,059	1,505	2,297	19	238
	Attempt	...	72	...	2	70	9	15	6	9	...	...
, " 447, 448, 453, 456, 461 and 462— Criminal trespass.	Other cases	62	13,560	2,635	737	10,188	6,535	10,784	5,667	4,727	21	369
	Attempt	..	2	..	...	2	1	1	...	1	...	...
Offences relating to documents and to trade or property mark.												
Chapter XVIII, Sections 465 to 471 and 474—Forgery or uttering or possessing forged document or papers		63	246	17	1	228	192	317	195	74	4	44
" " 472 to 476—Counterfeiting or making or possessing a counterfeit seal, &c., for purposes of forgery		64	4	...	...	4	3	4	2	...	...	2
" " Section 477—Fradulently destroying or defacing a will or other document		65	13	3	...	10	8	9	4	4	1	...
" " Sections 482, 486, 487 and 488—Using a false trade or property mark and knowingly selling property so marked		66	12	5	...	7	4	6	1	3	2	...
" " " 483 to 485—Counterfeiting or making or possessing a die, plate or instrument for counterfeiting trade or property mark		67	7	1	...	6	3	5	2	2	...	1
" " Section 489—Removing, destroying, &c., a trade or property mark with intent to cause injury		68	2	...	...	2	2	4	4	..	...	
Criminal breach of contracts and service.												
" XIX, Sections 490 to 492		69	78	10	3	65	46	84	58	19		7
Offences relating to marriage.												
" XX, Sections 493 to 498		70	4,115	1,489	98	2,528	1,219	1,663	1,381	210	6	66
Defamation.												
" XXI, Sections 500 to 502		71	758	296	10	452	262	334	246	72	1	15
Criminal intimidation, insult or annoyance.												
Chapter XXII, Section 506—The threat being to cause death or other grievous hurt		72	212	33	4	175	91	117	64	48	...	5
" " Sections 504 to 510—Other cases		73	2,028	352	24	1,652	969	1,343	702	618	1	22
TOTAL OF OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE		...	187,811	24,914	11,038	150,859	85,940	135,363	57,908	72,282	318	5,164

Statement of Offences reported, and of Persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each offence in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1884—concld.

Nomenclature of Offences, with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of head of crime.	Number of Cases.					Number of Persons				
		Offences reported.	Complaints rejected under Section 147, C. P. C.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.
Code of Criminal Procedure.				II.—Offences under Special and Local Laws.							
Chapter VIII, Sections 107, 108, 119—Security for keeping the peace	74	3,677	592	29	3,056	2,346	10,604	3,286	7,052	4	262
" " " 109, 110—Security for good behaviour	75	1,147	30	7	1,110	1,119	1,237	379	764	16	78
Other Laws—relating to											
Arms and Ammunition, Acts XXXI of 1860 and XI of 1878	...	1,132	5	5	1,122	1,114	1,207	184	1,009	5	9
Canal, Drainage and Embankment, Acts VI and VIII of 1873	...	109	...	...	109	109	375	152	223	...	...
Cantonment (Military), Acts XXII of 1864 and III of 1880	...	759	...	...	759	753	1,064	156	908	...	...
Cattle Trespass, Act I of 1871	...	8,042	1,090	371	6,581	2,506	3,680	2,094	1,525	1	60
Code of Civil Procedure	...	69	...	...	69	68	100	38	60	...	2
Companies, Act X of 1866	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Contagious Diseases (Animal), Act VIII of 1880	...	34	...	...	34	34	38	13	25	...	...
Contract (Workmen), Act XIII of 1859	...	509	28	7	474	353	368	101	267	...	...
Cruelty to Animals, Act I of 1869	...	3,479	...	...	3,479	3,467	6,141	57	6,079	...	5
Customs (Inland), Acts VI of 1864 and VIII of 1875	...	518	1	...	517	495	501	21	480	...	...
Customs (Sea), Act VIII of 1878	...	491	35	...	456	109	142	92	49	...	1
Emigration (Inland), Act VII (B.C.) of 1873 and Act I of 1882	...	25	3	...	22	20	40	15	25	...	...
Excise (Abkari, Opium), Acts XXI of 1856, XXIII of 1876, and I and VII of 1878	...	3,815	5	36	3,774	3,720	4,285	785	3,433	6	61
Ferries, Act II of 1873	...	32	...	...	32	32	41	11	29	...	1
Fire Brigade and Jute Warehouse, Act V (B. C.) of 1876	...	30	...	...	30	30	43	4	39	...	...
Forests, Act VII of 1878	...	270	...	2	268	253	371	22	346	...	3
Furnace, Act II of 1863	...	5	...	...	5	5	7	5	1	...	1
Gambling, Act II of 1867	...	260	...	...	260	259	827	135	692	...	...
Gas Companies, Act V of 1857	...	4	...	...	4	3	3	3	...	...	...
Hackney and Stage Carriages, Act V of 1866, XVI of 1861, and XIV of 1879	...	1,932	3	13	1,916	1,908	1,982	161	1,820	...	1
Howrah Bridge, Act IX of 1871	...	1	...	...	1	1	2	...	2	...	...
" Local Act XXI of 1857	...	377	1	...	376	376	508	54	454	...	...
Indian Explosives, Act IV of 1884	...	12	10	...	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Inoculation, Act IV of 1865	...	26	...	1	25	25	27	9	18	...	...

Irrigation, Act III (B C.) of 1876	...	14	...	.	14	14	37	3	34	...	...
Jails, Acts II of 1864, V of 1865, and XXVI of 1870	...	5	..	...	15	15	17	5	12	.	...
Legal Practitioners, Act XVIII of 1879	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	.
License Tax, Act II (B.C) of 1880	...	5	..	..	5	5	5	...	5	...	...
Lodging Houses, Act IV (B C) of 1871	..	145		...	145	144	159	8	151	...	..
Merchant Shipping, Acts I of 1859 and III (B.C.) of 1867	...	248	...	...	248	248	433	61	371	..	.
Municipalities, Acts IV and V (B.C.) of 1876	...	27,858	5	27	27,826	21,237	23,777	2,809	20,951	12	105
Mutiny Act, Section 85	...	12	..	...	12	12	13	1	11	..	1
Police (District), Act V of 1861	...	16,183	6	27	16,150	16,074	18,462	1,525	16,904	13	20
„ (Town), Acts II and IV of 1866	...	7,512	..	...	7 512	7,512	10,761	277	10,484		
Poppy, Act XIII of 1857	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
Porters and Dandywallahs, Act V (B.C) of 1883	...	1	...	...	1	...	..	...	...	..	...
Ports, Act XII of 1875	...	2,161	...	...	2,161	2,161	3,333	18	3,315		
Post Office, Act XIV of 1866	...	18	...	...	18	18	27	7	18	...	2
Printing Presses, Act XXV of 1867	...	1	..	...	1	1	1	...	1	..	
Prisoners, Acts II of 1864, IX of 1866, & V of 1871	.	22	...	...	22	22	23	4	19	...	
Purchasing from Soldiers Arms, Clothing Act	...	3	...	...	3	3	3	...	3	.	...
Quarantine, Act I of 1870	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	..	...
Railways, Act IV of 1879	...	865	3	9	853	838	1,117	130	977	..	10
Registration of Births and Deaths, Act IV of 1873	...	391	3	1	387	366	401	54	347	...	..
„ of Documents, Act III of 1877	...	79	4	...	75	70	122	40	69	1	12
Road-cess, Act IX of 1880	...	2	...	...	2	2	2	1	1	.	.
Salt, Acts VII & XXXI of 1861, VII of 1864, VIII of 1875	...	1,360	2	4	1,354	1,352	1,425	79	1,336	...	10
Saltpetre, Act XII of 1882	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Smoke Nuisance, Act II (B.C) of 1863	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...		...	.
Stamps, Acts X of 1862, XVIII of 1869, and I of 1879	...	623	...	4	619	585	830	153	656	2	19
Steam Boilers, Act III of 1879	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	.
Telegraph	...	3	...	...	3	3	3	2	1	...	...
Tolls, Act V of 1864	...	6	...	...	6	6	6	1	5	..	
Tramways, Act I (B C) of 1880	...	18	...	...	18	18	21	3	17	..	1
Treasure Trove, Act VI of 1878	...	5	...	...	5	5	7	3	4	...	...
Vaccination, Act V of 1880	...	224	2	...	222	212	407	110	296	..	1
Vagrancy, Act IX of 1874	...	36	..	...	36	36	39	6	33	...	...
TOTAL OF OFFENCES UNDER SPECIAL LAW	...	84,572	1,628	543	82,201	70,072	95,031	13,078	81,228	60	665
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL OFFENCES	...	271,383	26,742	11,581	233,060	156,012	230,954[1]	70,986	153,460	378	6,129

[1] Of these persons one was pardoned.

Annual Statement 3—(Criminal).

Statement of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during 1884.

Nature of proceedings.	Total number dealt with during the year.		Disposed of during the year.			Remarks.
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.		
				Discharged.	Convicted.	
1. Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter VI *c* and Section 485	48	56	48	17	39	
2. Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent breach of the peace	2,733	11,282	2,663	3,286	7,730	
3. Proceedings under Chapter VIII—Security for good behaviour	1,157	1,237	1,071	379	764	
4. Proceedings against local nuisances—Chapter X	479	1,056	461	284	748	
5. Possession—Chapter XII	362	...	350	...	...	
6. Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XX, Section 250	994	1,015	994	25	990	
7. Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors—Chapter XXIII, Section 332	61	61	58	42	16	
8. Contempts of Court under Chapter XXXV	232	241	232	6	235	
9. Maintenance—Chapter XXXVI	924	924	919	442	477	
10. Forfeiture of bail or recognizance under Chapter XLII	1,146	1,636	1,146	248	1,388	
Total	8,136	17,508	7,942	4,729	12,387	

Note.—Besides the persons shown in this statement, there were 20 cases for the restoration of abducted females under Chapter XLVI, Section 551 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which resulted in the discharge of 8 and conviction of 3 persons.

Annual Statement 4—(Criminal).

Statement showing the general result of Criminal Trials in the Tribunals of various Classes in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1884.

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL								PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE DISPOSED OF								Persons under trial at the end of year.	NUMBER OF CASES				Average number of days during which each case lasted	Number of witnesses examined
	Remaining at the end of the previous year	Brought to trial during the year.						Total	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Discharged or acquitted	Convicted				Committed or referred.	Total of columns 11 to 18.		Brought to trial during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year	Disposed of summarily.		
		Under arrest by police	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Received on commitment or reference.	Received by transfer				On regular trial		On summary trial.										
											Appealable sentence passed	Non appealable sentence passed.	Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed									
I.—MAGISTRATES.																							
Village officers	..	...		...	...	..		..	..			.		...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	.	.
Subordinate Magistrates. — Special Magistrate under Section 14	5	11	7	300	...	..	...	323		137	184	1	..	...	1	323	...	96	99	...	...	3·4	223
Subordinate Magistrates. — Honorary Magistrates sitting singly. — 2nd and 3rd class	18	749	48	1,067	3	...	...	1,886	1	568	1,234	...	30	47	...	1,879	16	1,418	1,414	12	93	4·6	2,845
Subordinate Magistrates. — Honorary Magistrates sitting singly. — 1st class	7	52	62	254	37	..	..	432	.	151	16	259	...	...	...	426	6	367	366	3	..	1·1	1,253
Subordinate Magistrates. — Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly — 2nd and 3rd class	1,243	18,183	1,982	15,703	584	.	2	37,696	66	15,032	19,719	766	.	...	639	36,156	1,474	24,825	24,758	822	311	11·7	94,321
Subordinate Magistrates. — Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly — 1st class	3,763	85,213	8,339	41,602	2,019	..	22	140,897	249	41,283	15,108	39,187	394	47,657	2,413	137,631	3,617	88,633	88,427	1,897	39,345	11·9	257,516
Subordinate Magistrates. — Benches of Magistrates	434	12,481	1,440	32,544	267	...	1	47,167	24	12,009	3,768	4,001	5,512	21,372	...	46,682	481	39,265	39,316	334	30,146	4·4	80,677
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Sections 347, 349	2	2		...		235	...	239		21	160	48	...	..	3	233	7	166	162	6	.	6·9	20
Chief Magistrates of Districts. — Under ordinary powers	52	1,015	129	780	122	1	2	2,101	12	546	155	560	17	676	44	1,998	91	1,378	1,350	54	551	8·1	4,009
Chief Magistrates of Districts. — Under special powers under Section 34	.	13	3	..	..	...	3	19		8	7	.			4	19	...	12	12	...	.	36·2	86
Total	5,464	117,708	12,030	92,270	3,032	236	30	230,770	352	69,754	40,351	35,822	5,943	69,752	3,104	234,736	5,692	156,160	155,904	3,129	70,446	7·7	410,965
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																							
Assistant Judges	1	...		...	.	28	.	29	..	12	7	...	...	.	2	21	8	10	8	3	..	36·8	108
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	396	...	...	1	..	2,776	3	3,176	25	1,177	1,514	54		2	79	2,726	419	1,547	1,519	229	1	44·3	11,406
Judges — Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	..	4	..	4	..	..	4	...	..	..	...	4	...	3	3		..	5	..
Judges — Cases referred by Assistant Judges under Section 31, C. P. C.	...	..	..	...	.	3	...	3	..		3	..	.		..	3	..	3	3	..	...	19·3	.
Total	397	...	...	1		2,811	3	3,212	25	1,189	1,428	54	...	2	81	2,754	427	1,563	1,533	263	1	44·1	11,513
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION																							
High Court — Cases under Section 447, C. P. C.	.	..	.		..	1	.	1	..		...	1		...		1	..	1	1	.	..	50	11
High Court — Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	4	...	..			65		69	1	13	..	53	.		..	66	3	53	53	3	..	27·2	505
High Court — Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 307, C. P. C.	3	.	.	...	...	36	..	39		17	.	20	..	..	...	37	2	27	27	2	.	22·1	...
High Court — Ditto ditto under Section 374, C. P. C.	3			..		43	.	46		6	..	35			...	41	5	39	37	5		23·5	..
Total	10					145	..	155	1	36	.	108			...	144	10	119	117	10	.	25	516
GRAND TOTAL	5,871	117,708	12,030	92,271	3,032	3,192	33	234,137	378	70,979	41,779	35,984	5,943	69,754	3,185	237,634	6,129	157,842	157,554	3,370	70,447	8	422,994

a. Besides these, there were 7 persons whose commitment to the Sessions was quashed.

Annual Statement 5—(Criminal).

Statement showing the Punishments inflicted by the various Criminal Tribunals in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction in the year 1884.

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL.	Persons sentenced to: Death.	Transportation: For life.	Transportation: For a term.	Penal servitude.	Imprisonment, Rigorous: With solitary confinement.	Imprisonment, Rigorous: Without solitary confinement.	Imprisonment: Simple.	Forfeiture of property.	Fine: With imprisonment.	Fine: Without imprisonment.	Whipping: In addition to other punishment.	Whipping: In lieu of other punishment.	Persons ordered to find or give: Sureties of the peace.	Recognizance to keep the peace.	Sureties for good behaviour.	Persons imprisoned in default of security for good behaviour: One year and under.	Three years and under.
I.—MAGISTRATES.																	
Village officers under Section 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Special Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	170	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Honorary Magistrates sitting singly: 2nd and 3rd class	...	...	...	...	...	70	1	...	11	1,235	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Honorary Magistrates sitting singly: 1st class	...	...	...	...	...	16	2	...	5	240	...	...	...	8	9	9	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly: 2nd and 3rd class	...	...	...	...	1	5,020	200	...	1,157	15,266	...	54	1	62	2	2	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly: 1st class	...	...	...	...	48	18,877	565	2	2,872	63,669	125	1,312	2,693	4,814	648	534	...
Subordinate Magistrates: Benches of Magistrates	...	...	...	...	1	1,184	54	...	119	29,943	6	89	5	76	...	...	...
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Sections 347, 349.	...	...	...	...	2	173	...	...	7	6	4	26	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts: Under ordinary powers	...	...	...	...	...	227	30	...	24	970	3	31	29	42	84	69	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts: Under special power under Section 34	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	52	25,590	852	2	4,195	111,499	139	1,512	2,728	5,002	743	614	...
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																	
Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	...	101	23	...	3	1,290	16	...	49	7	18	10	...	...	20	1	17
Judges: Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges: Ditto ditto by Assistant Judges under Section 31, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Total	...	101	23	...	3	1,303	16	...	55	7	18	10	...	...	21	1	18
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																	
High Court: Cases coming before the Court under Section 447, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court: Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates.	3	1	...	...	...	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court: Cases referred by Session Judges under Section 307, C. P. C.	2	6	1	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court: Ditto ditto Section 374, C. P. C.	33	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	38	9	1	...	...	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	38	110	24	...	55	26,953	868	2	4,251	111,506	157	1,522	2,728	5,002	764	615(b)	18

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL.	Detail of punishment, Fine: Rs. 10 and under.	Rs. 50 and under.	Rs. 100 and under.	Rs. 500 and under.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Total amount of fines imposed during the year.	Total amount of fines realized during the year.	Amount paid by way of compensation.	Imprisonment, 15 days & under: Rigorous.	15 days & under: Simple.	6 months & under: Rigorous.	6 months & under: Simple.	2 years & under: Rigorous.	2 years & under: Simple.	7 years & under: Rigorous.	7 years & under: Simple.	Above 7 years: Rigorous.	Above 7 years: Simple.	Whipped: 10 stripes and under.	20 stripes and under.	30 stripes and under.	Number of boys whose sentences were commuted to detention in a Reformatory School.
							R	R	R														
Village officers under Section 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Special Magistrates	156	14	...	...	...	...	744	699	...	14	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly: 2nd and 3rd class	1,190	51	5	...	...	...	4,380	3,845	372	35	1	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly: 1st class	215	30	...	...	...	...	1,838	1,825	350	6	...	10	2	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly: 2nd and 3rd class	13,926	2,409	77	11	...	...	1,22,443	1,06,150	7,506	1,449	149	3,551	51	23	...	...	...	...	...	30	22	2	4
Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly: 1st class	58,563	7,338	480	153	7	...	4,40,198	3,93,576	28,281	3,124	320	11,896	241	4,346	5	92	...	...	...	615	634	188	64
Benches of Magistrates	28,585	1,440	35	2	...	...	81,602	77,215	3,767	487	37	661	23	31	...	...	...	...	...	47	37	11	7
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Sections 347, 349.	3	8	1	1	...	...	720	520	...	2	...	54	...	112	...	7	...	...	...	14	14	2	6
Chief Magistrates of Districts: Under ordinary powers	876	101	12	4	1	...	11,768	8,145	360	63	11	120	19	111	...	2	...	...	...	18	13	3	18
Chief Magistrates of Districts: Under special power under Section 34	...	...	...	1	...	...	500	19	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	103,514	11,391	610	172	8	...	6,64,193	5,91,994	40,636	5,180	518	16,327	336	4,634	5	108	...	...	...	724	721	206	99
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																							
Assistant Judges	5	...	...	...	...	...	25	50	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	5	36	5	9	1	...	5,385	4,939	174	9	8	157	7	339	...	744	1	62	...	4	16	8	1
Judges: Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Judges: Ditto ditto by Assistant Judges under Section 31, C. P. C.	...	1	...	...	...	...	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	10	37	5	9	1	...	5,460	4,989	174	9	8	157	7	344	...	753	1	62	...	4	16	8	1
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																							
High Court: Cases coming before the Court under Section 447, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court: Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	6	...	37	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
High Court: Cases referred by Session Judges under Section 307, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	7	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
High Court: Ditto ditto Section 374, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	8	...	45	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	103,524	11,428	615	181	9	...	6,69,653	5,96,983	40,810	5,189	526	16,486	343	4,986	5	906	1	67	...	728	737	214	100

N.B.—Besides the persons entered in the statement, there were 3,987 persons who were warned and discharged; 262 workmen were ordered to fulfil their contracts under Act XIII of 1859; 23 seamen were ordered to forfeit wages; 31 vagrants were sent to the workhouse; 11 deserters were sent to the Military authorities to be dealt with by them; 89 persons ordered to get their children vaccinated; and 143 persons ordered to pay hackney carriage fare.

(a). Of these, 678 persons were ordered under Section 106, Criminal Procedure Code, to furnish securities in addition to other punishments.

(b). In the cases of 7 of these persons the imprisonment was simple.

Annual Statement 5 a—(Criminal).

Statement showing the particulars of Whippings inflicted by the Criminal Tribunals during 1884.

Part I.

Showing Whippings inflicted under Sections 2 and 3, Act VI, 1864, in lieu of other Punishment.

Offences for which awarded	Number of stripes awarded.												Total
	5 and under		6 to 10		11 to 15.		16 to 20		21 to 25.		26 to 30		
	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	
IN LIEU OF OTHER PUNISHMENT (Sections 2 and 3, Act VI, 1864)													
1 Theft, as defined in Section 378, I P. C.	97	..	339	2	214	8	104	4	26	...	43	5	842
1 Theft, as defined in " 380 "	28		143	...	108	5	72	2	21	..	20	1	400
1 Theft, as defined in " 381 "	1	...	17	..	19	...	5	1	...	1	3	...	47
1 Theft, as defined in " 382 "	...	...		...	..	...	..	.	...	..	...		.
2. Extortion, as defined in " 388 "	.	...	...	..		..	..	...	..	...		..	...
2. Extortion, as defined in " 389 "	...	.	...	..	.	..	...	.	...	..	..	...	...
3 Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in " 411 "	4	...	32	1	34	1	25		5	...	5	2	109
3 Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in " 412 "	...	..		..	1	...	2	...	..	...	...	...	3
4. Lurking house-trespass, as defined in " 443 "	1	..	...	.	2	...	2		1	..		..	6
5 Ditto by night, as defined in " 444 "		..	3		3	1	5	..	2		1		15
6 House-breaking, as defined in " 445 "	1	..	4	2	8	..	7		2	..	1		25
7. Ditto by night, as defined in " 446 "	..	..	4		9		9	..	3		2	1	28
8. Offence under Section 14, Act III, 1880			...	..	...	1	..	..	...			.	1
												Total . .	1 476

PART II.

Showing Whippings inflicted in addition to other Punishment, Sections 3 and 4, Act VI, 1864.

OFFENCES FOR WHICH AWARDED.		Number of stripes. 5 and under.	6 to 10.	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30.	Total.
IN ADDITION TO OTHER PUNISHMENT. (*Sections 3 and 4.*)								
A.—Section 3:—								
1. Theft, as defined in	Section 378, I. P. C.	...	5	6	21	2	22	56
	" 380 "	...	4	6	13	4	18	45
	" 381 "	...	...	1	3	...	...	4
	" 382 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Extortion, as defined in	" 388 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 389 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in	" 411 "	...	1	1	6	...	3	11
	" 412 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Lurking house-trespass, as defined in	" 443 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Ditto by night, as defined in	" 444 "	...	...	1	...	...	2	3
6. House-breaking, as defined in	" 445 "	...	...	...	4	1	5	10
7. Ditto by night, as defined in	" 446 "	...	...	1	1	2	8	12
8. Offence under Section 14, Act III, 1880		...	...	...	...	...	...	...
B.—Section 4:—								
1. False evidence, as defined in	Section 193, I. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 194 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 195 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. False charge of unnatural offence, as defined in	" 211 and " 377 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		...	...	...	...	...	...	...
. Assault, as defined in	" 354 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Rape, as defined in	" 375 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unnatural offence, as defined in	" 377 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Robbery, as defined in	" 390 "	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Dacoity, as defined in	" 391 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Attempt at robbery, as defined in	" 393 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Hurt in committing robbery, as defined in	" 394 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Receiving stolen property, as defined in	" 413 "	...	...	1	1	...	...	2
11. Forgery, as defined in	" 463 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 466 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 467 "	...		...	...	...	...	...
	" 468 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 469 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12. Lurking house-trespass, as defined in	" 443 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
13. Ditto by night, as defined in	" 444 "	...	1	1	...	...	...	2
14. House-breaking, as defined in	" 445 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15. Ditto by night, as defined in	" 446 "	...	...	...	1	...	1	2
							Total .	148

Part III.

Showing Whippings inflicted under Section 5, Act VI, 1864, on Juveniles, for offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.

Offence.	Stripes. 5 and under. 1st conviction.	5 and under. Subsequent conviction.	6 to 10. 1st conviction.	6 to 10. Subsequent conviction.	11 to 15. 1st conviction.	11 to 15. Subsequent conviction.	16 to 20. 1st conviction.	16 to 20. Subsequent conviction.	21 to 25. 1st conviction.	21 to 25. Subsequent conviction.	26 to 30. 1st conviction.	26 to 30. Subsequent conviction.	Total.
Section 193, I. P. C.	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 285 „	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ 323 „	...	...	2	.	1	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	4
„ 324 „	...	...	...	..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 352 „	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ 353 „	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 354 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Sections 376 and 511, I. P. C.	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	4
„ 377 and 511 „	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Section 379, I. P. C.	6	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
„ 403 „	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ 408 „	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ 426 „	4	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
„ 429 „	...	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	5
„ 451	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ 457	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Railway Act IV of 1879	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Gambling Act II of 1867 (B. C.)	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
												Total	55

Part IV.

Showing relative number of times Whipping was awarded, as compared with other Punishments.

Punishments.	Number.	Remarks.
Total number of whippings awarded	1,679	
Total number of other punishments	151,781	Total number of persons who might have been, but were not, whipped . . . . . 25,[illegible]1
Percentage of whippings	1·1	

Annual Statement 6—(Criminal).

Statement showing the result of appeal and revision in Criminal Cases in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during the year 1884.

Class of Tribunal.		Number of persons.												Number of cases.		
		Total number of appellants and applicants for revision, including pending from previous year.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Appeals or applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed.	Sentence enhanced.	Sentence reduced or order otherwise altered.	Reversed.	Proceedings quashed.	New trial or further enquiry ordered.	Referred to the High Court for revision.	Total whose cases were disposed of, omitting those who died or escaped or whose cases were transferred.	Remaining at the end of the year.	Preferred during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.
APPEALS.																
To	From															
District Magistrates	Subordinate Magistrates	4,619	3	351	2,431	...	532	942	32	64	11	4,363	253	2,655	2,653	144
Courts of Session	Magistrates	8,291	19	1,977	3,525	...	738	1,678	39	27	3	7,987	285	5,085	5,140	155
	Assistant Judges	5	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	2	2	...
Superior Courts — By persons convicted	Presidency Magistrates	13	...	9	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	13	...	12	12	...
	Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 34, C. P. C.	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...
	Sessions Judges	1,169	3	677	222	1	83	94	...	8	...	1,085	81	681	692	50
Superior Courts — By Government from judgments of acquittal, Section 417	All Courts	3	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	3	...
	Total	14,102	25	3,015	6,188	1	1,354(a)	2,716	71	99	14	13,458	619	8,439	8,503(a)	349
REVISION.																
By	Of order of															
District Magistrates	Subordinate Magistrates	901	...	611	266	...	10	59	4	329	75	1,354	60	914	922	47
Courts of Session	Magistrates	1,692	...	1,473	324	...	28	24	2	561	379	2,791	159	1 342	1,335	50
High Court (cases referred for orders under Sections 422 438)	Magistrates	449	...	...	131	3	18	228	9	41	...	430	24	190	191	6
High Court (cases dealt with under Section 435)	Magistrates	926	...	461	219	...	52	151	1	20	...	904	22	362	360	10
	Courts of Session	50	...	30	2	2	1	12	...	1	...	48	2	31	33	2
	Total	4,018(b)	...	2,575	942	5	109	474	16	952	454	5,527	267	2,839	2,841	115
	GRAND TOTAL	18,120	25	5,590	7,130	6	1,463	3,190	87	1,051	468	18,985	8 6	11,278	11,344	464

(a). In addition to these, one appeal of one person from Rangoon filed in 1883 was decided during 1884.
(b). Besides these there were 1,776 accused persons in whose cases the applications made were not in their behalf or interest. These persons, though not shown in column 2, are shown in columns 4 to 12 according to the result of the applications.

Annual Statement 7—(Criminal).

Statement showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Criminal Courts in the Province of Bengal in the year 1884.

Classes of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed.	Established or average number of Jurors or Assessors in each case, and prescribed qualification.	Number of cases tried by Jury.	Number of cases with Assessors.	JURY TRIALS.					ASSESSOR'S TRIALS.			REMARKS.
				Cases in which the Judge approved of the verdict.	Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the verdict		Number of persons of the verdict in respect to whom the Judge disapproved.		Number of cases in which Judges agreed with Assessors.	Number of cases in which Judges differed from.		
					Wholly.	Partially.	Whose cases he referred under Section 307, C. P. C.	Whose cases he did not refer under Section 307, C. P. C.		One Assessor.	Both Assessors.	
Magistrates' Courts under Chapter X, C.P.C. — Jurors	Five Jurors	67	...	67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	All offences, including abetment and attempts, falling under Chapters VIII, XI, XVI, XVII, and XXVIII of the Indian Penal Code and tried by Jury in the districts of Burdwan, Dacca, Hooghly, Moorshedabad, Nuddea, Patna, and the 24-Pergunnahs. Other cases in the Lower Provinces are tried with the aid of Assessors.
Court of Session. — Jurors	Five Jurors and two Assessors,—qualifications as described in Chapter XXIII, Code of Criminal Procedure.	346(a)	...	263(b)	46	23	36	70	...	...	...	
Court of Session. — Assessors		...	1,075	...	...	...	...	...	819	117	139	
High Court, Original Criminal Jurisdiction. — Jurors	Nine Jurors,—qualifications as described in Rule 2 of the Jury Rules.	53	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
TOTAL		466	1,075	330	46	23	36	70	819	117	139	

(a). In 14 cases tried by the late Sessions Judge of the district of Patna, neither the Sessions statements nor the records of the cases show whether the Judge agreed with the verdict or not.
(b). In one marine case, the qualifications of the Assessrs employed consisted of nautical experience.

Annual Statement 8—(Criminal).

Statement showing the general result of the trial of European British Subjects in the Province of Bengal in the year 1884.

Description of offence.	Number of persons accused and brought before a magistrate: Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Within the year: On complaint, Section 191 (a), Criminal Procedure Code.	On Police Report, Section 191 (b) of the Code.	By Magistrate *suo motu*, Section 191 (c) of the Code.	On transfer from another district or province.	Total.	Died, escaped, or transferred to other districts or provinces.	Number actually brought to trial.	Persons whose cases were disposed of — By District Magistrates and other first class Magistrates: Received by transfer under Section 461 B of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Committed: To Court of Session.	To High Court.	Transferred by order under Section 461 B of the Code.	Total, omitting entries in columns 10 and 15.	By Courts of Session: Received by transfer under Section 461 B of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Transferred to High Court under Section 449 of the Code.	Total exclusive of column 17.	By High Court: Convicted.	Acquitted.	Total.	Total for all Courts: Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Total.	Number of persons under trial at the close of the year.	Number of cases: Brought to trial.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court for an order under Section 468 of the Code.	Of those entered in column 5, number who applied under Section 2, Act III of 1884, for transfer or committal of their cases.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court under Section 526 of the Code for the transfer of their cases.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	37
Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII	...	5	6	...	...	11	...	11	...	6	...	5	...	...	11	...	...	5	...	5	...	...	...	6	5	11	...	5	5	...	...	...	...	
False evidence and offences against public justice, Chapter XI	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	
Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals, Chapter XIV	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI: Offences affecting life	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	
Hurt	...	10	6	...	...	16	...	16	...	9	7	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	7	16	...	14	14	...	...	...	...	
Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement	...	2	1	...	...	3	...	3	...	1	2	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	
Criminal force and assault	...	35	7	...	...	42	...	42	...	25	16	...	...	...	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	16	41	1	40	39	1	...	...	...	
Unnatural offence	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	
Offences against property, Chapter XVII: Theft	...	1	8	...	...	9	...	9	...	3	4	2	...	...	9	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	5	4	9	...	8	8	...	...	...	...	
Extortion	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	
Criminal misappropriation of property	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	
Criminal breach of Trust	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	
Receiving of stolen property	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	
Cheating	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	
Mischief	1	5	...	...	...	6	...	6	...	1	5	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	6	...	5	6	...	...	...	...	
Criminal trespass	...	8	9	...	...	17	...	17	...	8	9	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	9	17	...	13	13	...	...	...	...	
Offences relating to documents and to trade or property marks, Chapter XVIII	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	
Defamation, Chapter XXI	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	
Criminal intimidation, insult and annoyance, Chapter XXII	...	5	1	1	...	7	...	7	...	3	4	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	7	...	5	5	...	...	...	...	
Offences under special and local laws	1	31	130	3	...	165	...	165	...	141	23	1	...	...	15	1(b)	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	142	24	166	...	119	120	...	...	...	...	
Total	2	109	175	4	...	290	...	290	...	202	78	8	1	...	289	1	3	6	...	9	1	...	1	206	84	290	1	225	226	1	...	...	...	

Subsidiary table.

Description of offence.	Of the total number of persons shown in column 16: Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, Section 451A (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Column 21: Number of those in column 35 (1) whose cases were transferred under Section 461 B of the Code.	Number who claimed a mixed number of assessors, Section 451 (2) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Columns 21 and 24: Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, Section 451 (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Of cases shown in column 30: Disposed of by Magistrates: Being European British subjects.	Other than European British subjects.	Disposed of by Sessions Judges: Being European British subjects.	Other than European British subjects.
	35					36					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII	(a) 1	(a) 282	...	...	1	6	1	201	20	5	...

(a) In a case committed to the Sessions, the accused pleaded "guilty" and no jury was appointed.

(b) This was a case under Section 10, Act V of 1883, instituted by the Local Government against the mate of a British ship for misconduct.

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